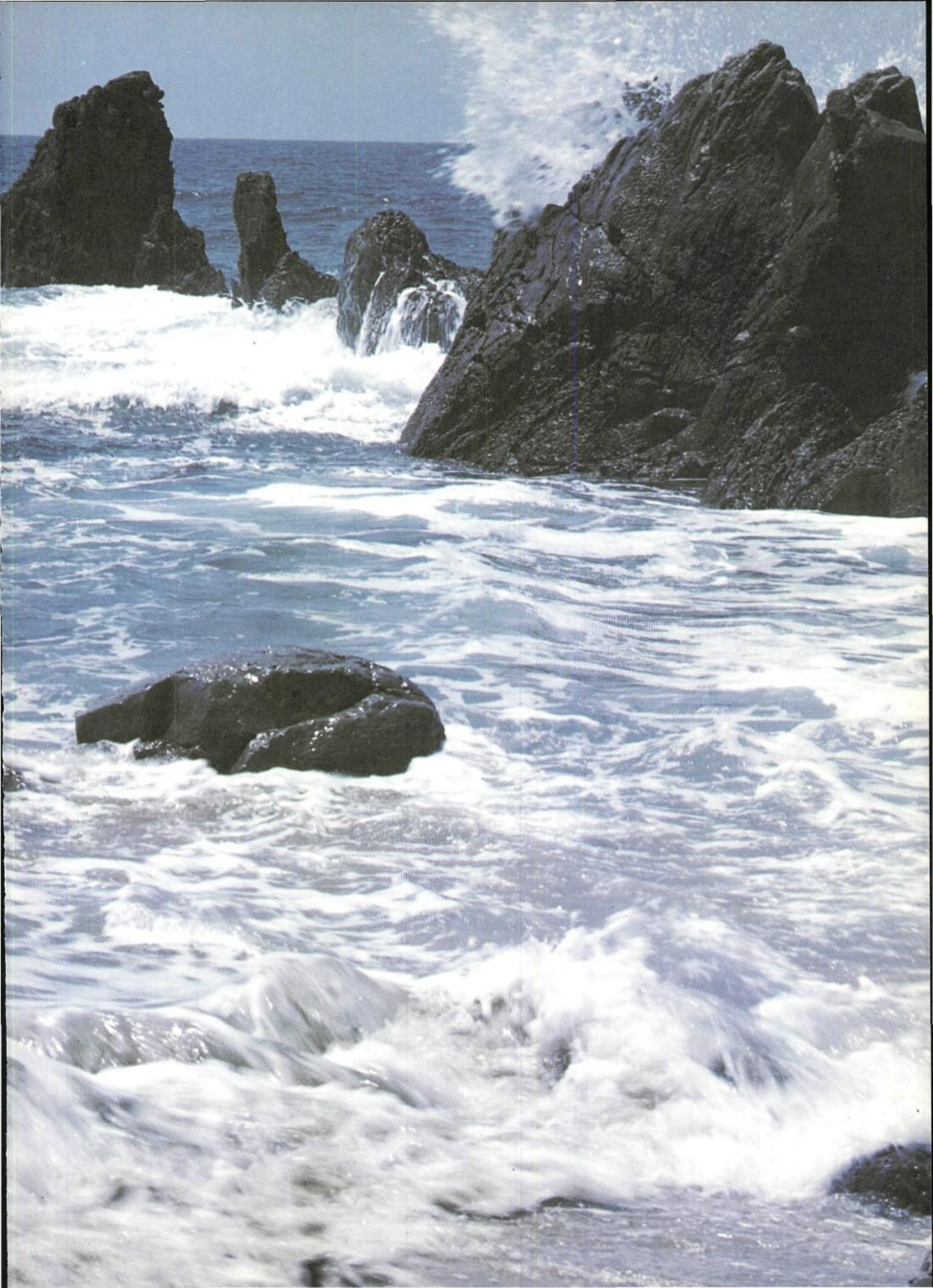


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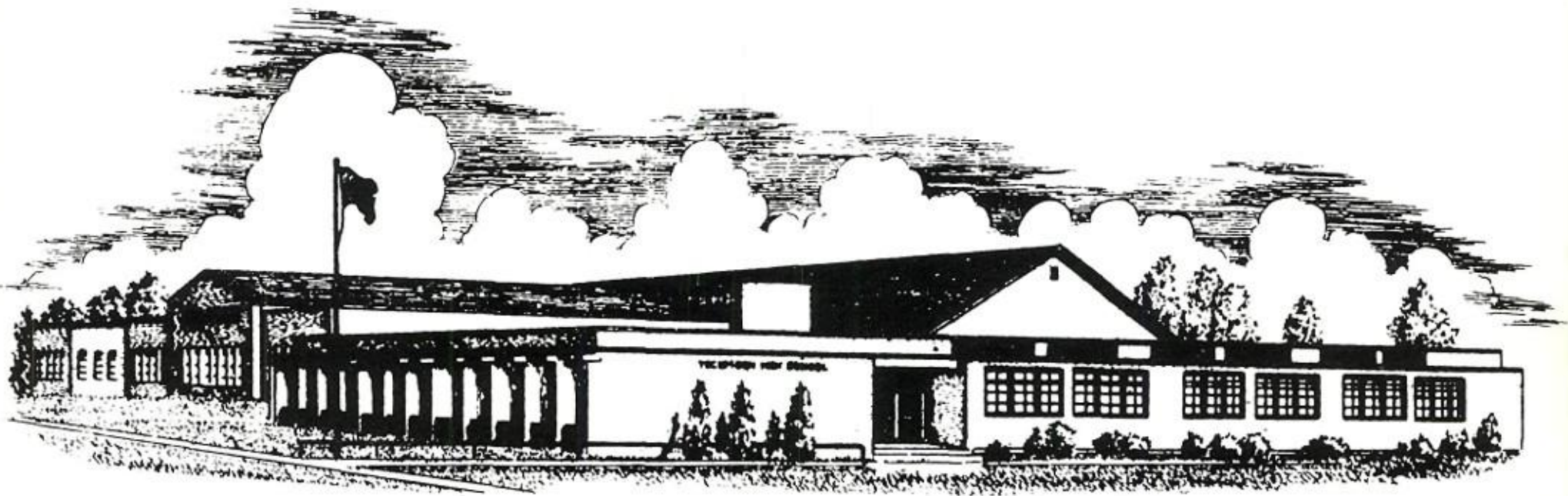


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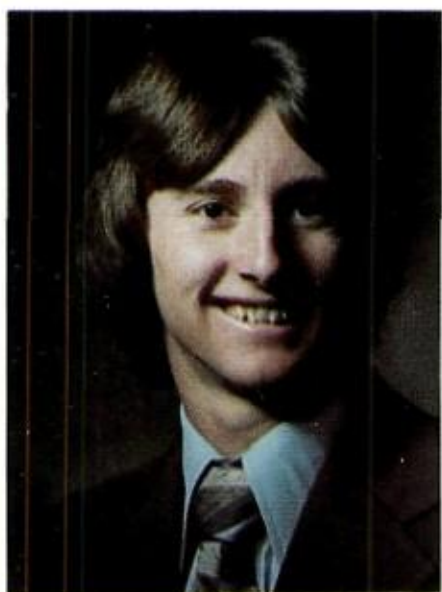
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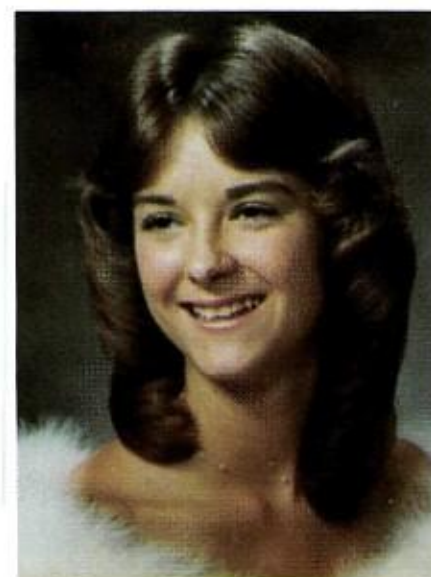
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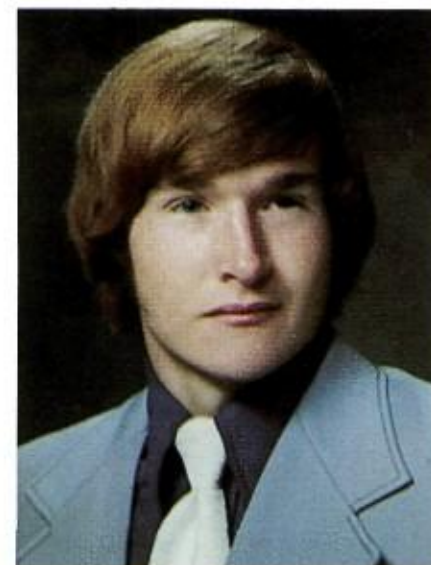
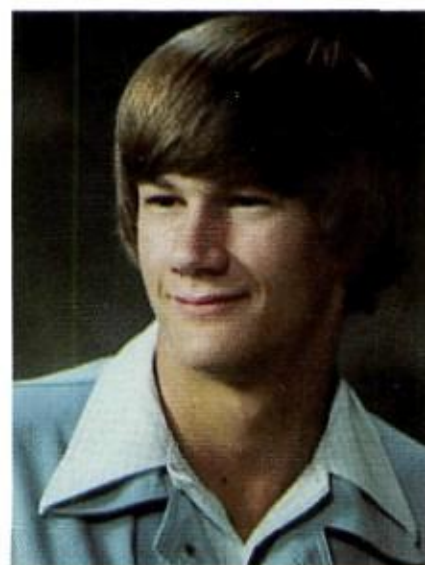
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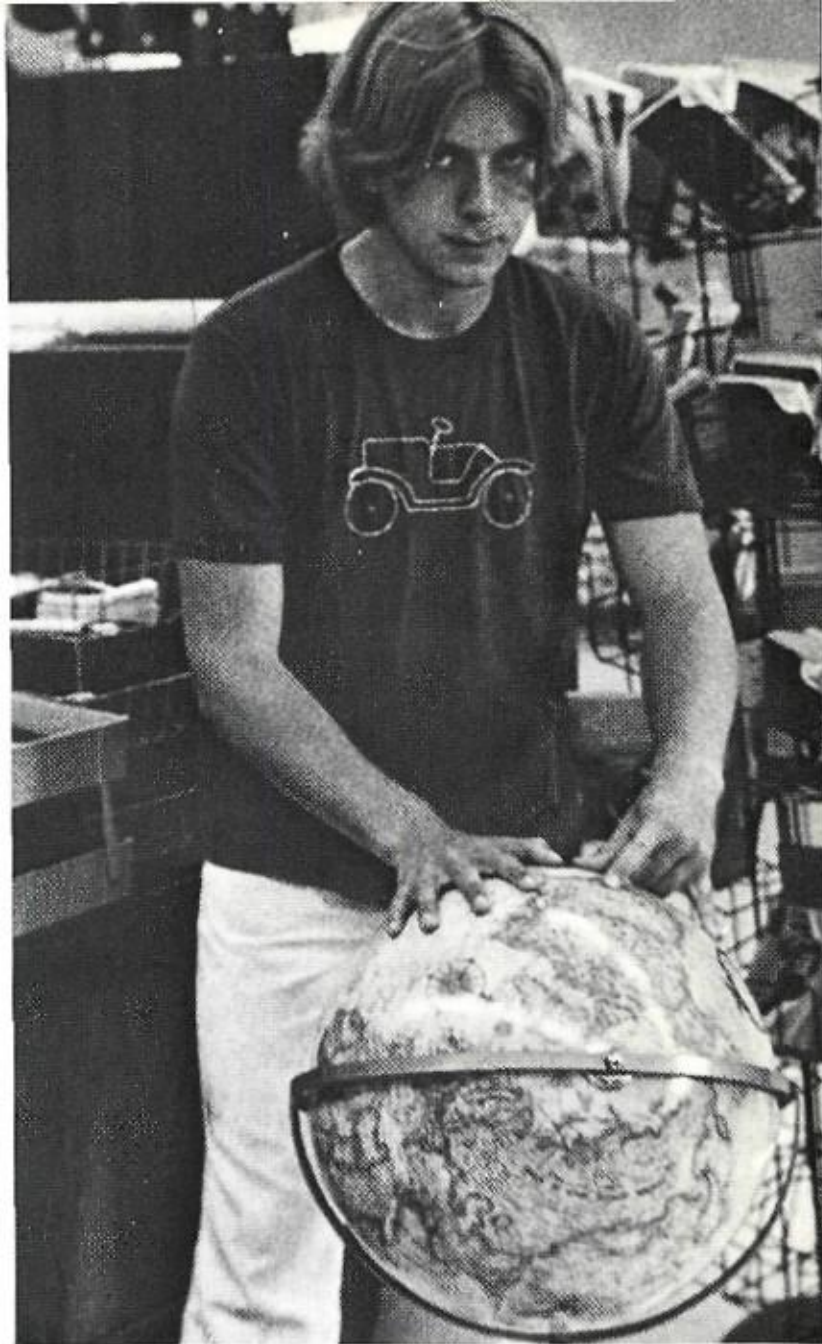
A reflection is a moment of time, caught by the mind's computer.

But reflections--like the days of our lives, keep adding up, passing by and fading into the past.

It is possible to capture a reflection so that when it fades another glimpse revives the memory and quickens the senses--so that they may once again experience the idea or object.

Just as the moment was real or imaginary, so the reflection reflects the ultimate expression of our individual and unique approach to the reality of our life.





*School spirit —
a whole composed
of many —
each a part of
extended enthusiasm.*





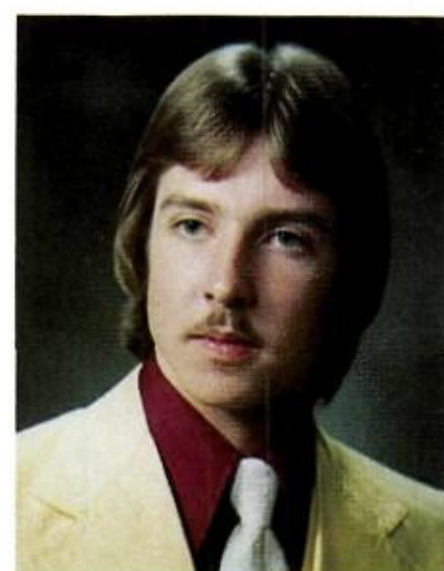
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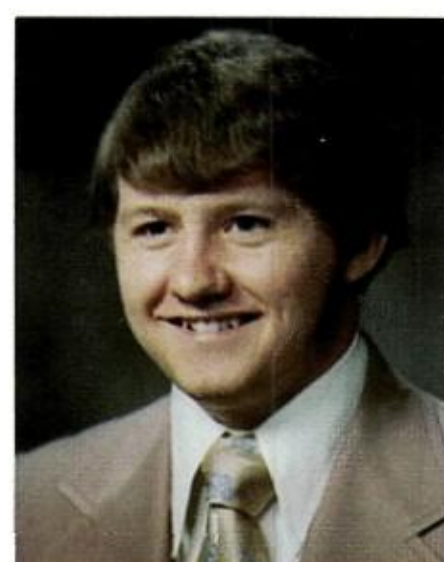
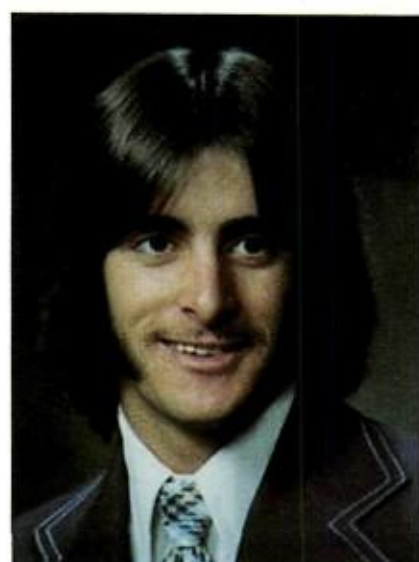
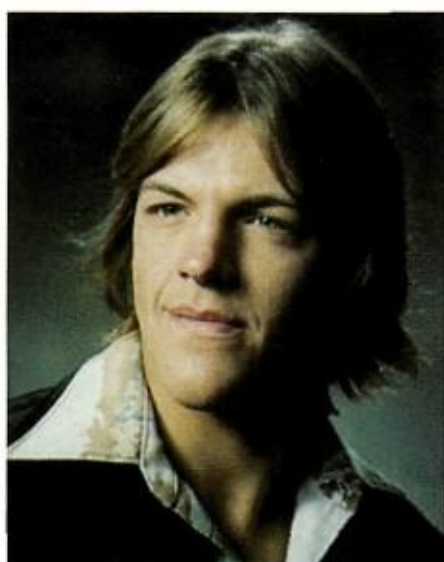
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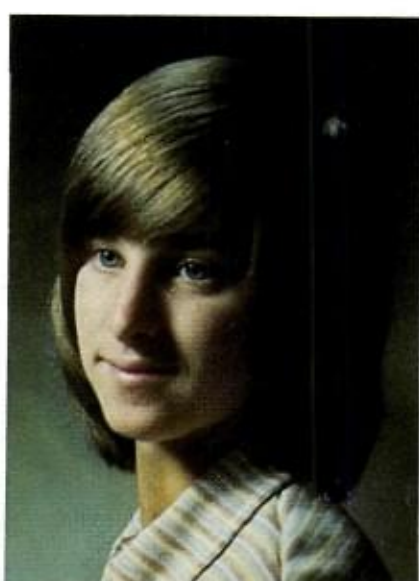
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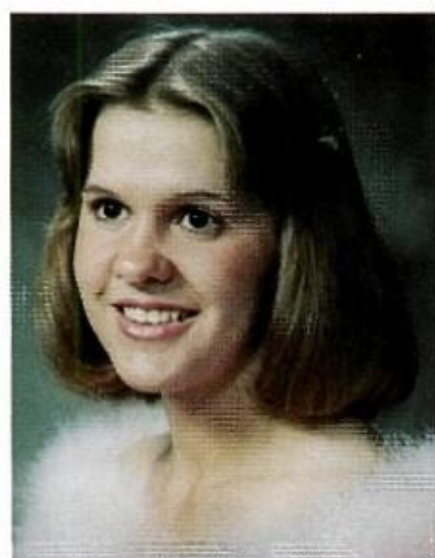
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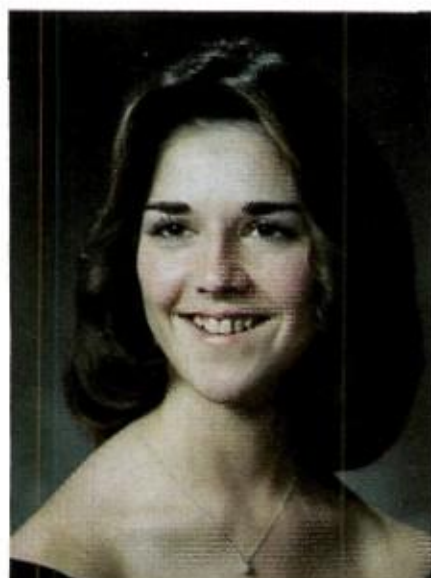
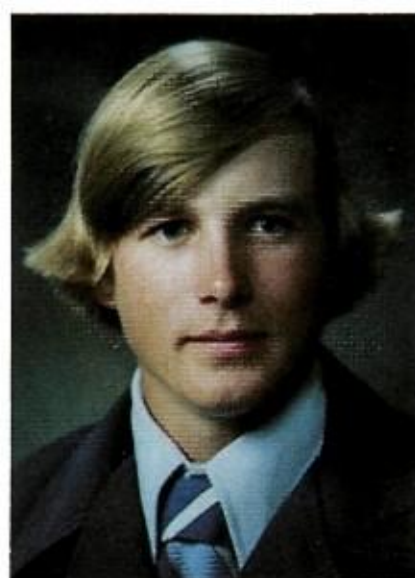
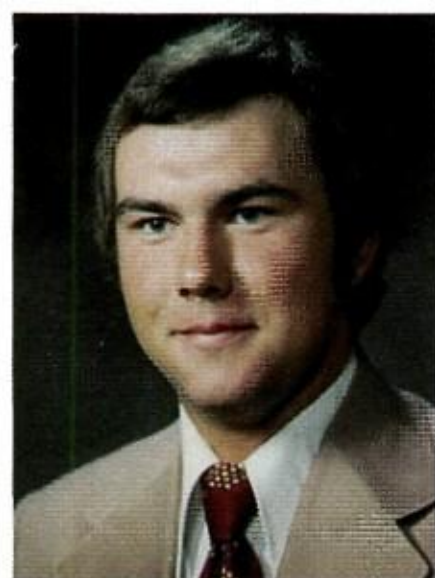
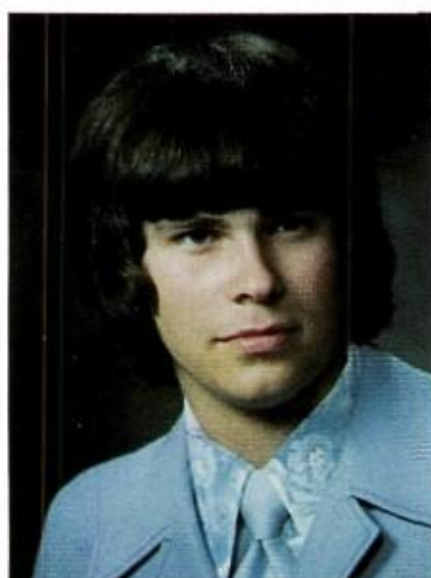
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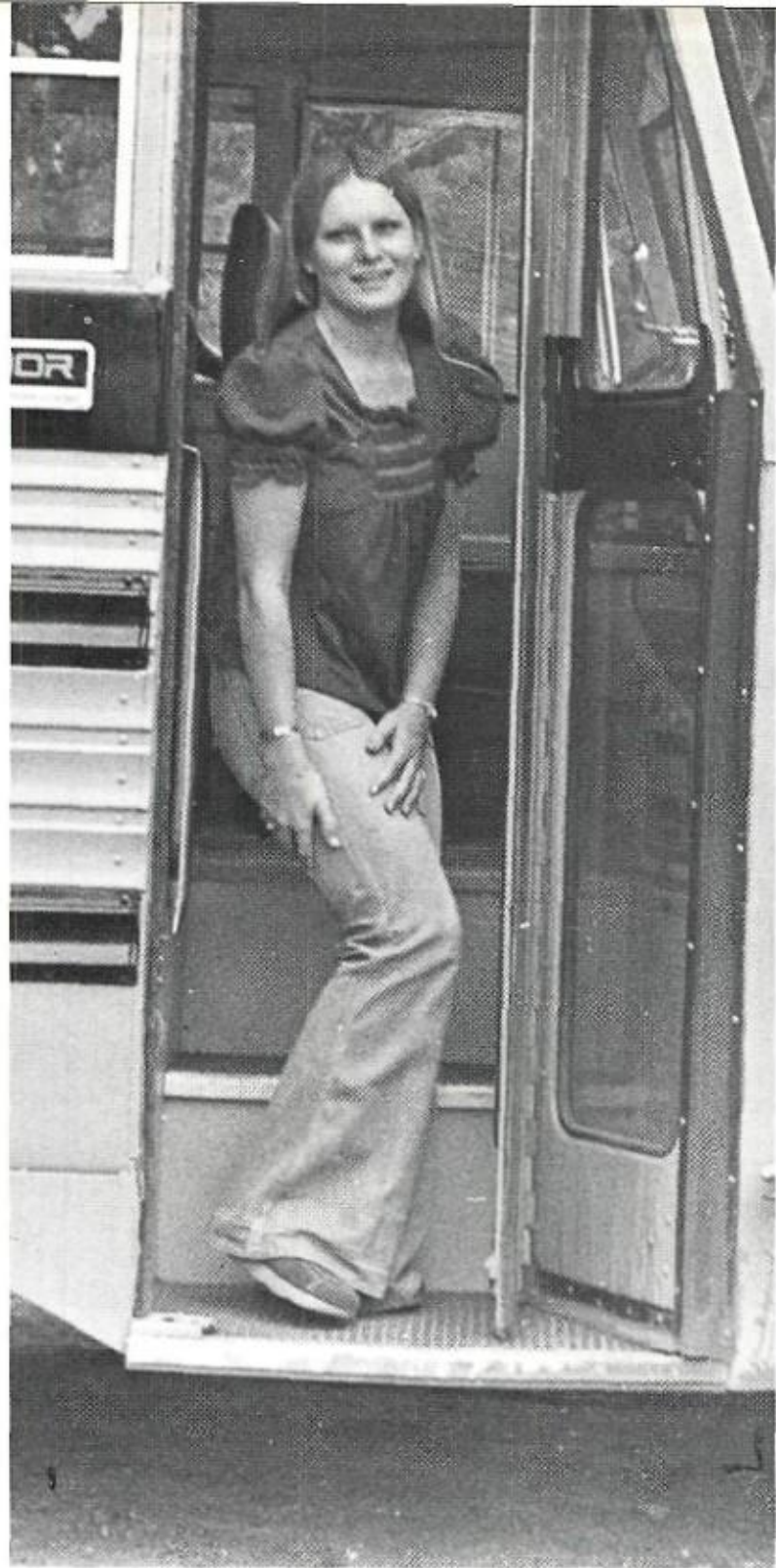


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*Is friendship
eternal?
— relationships —
Sharing a part of
ourselves
with others
Forever —
only a moment*

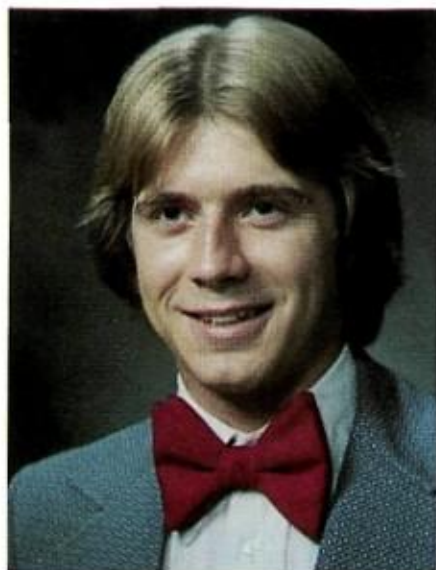




Treading softly on the shadows which our past had cast, we suddenly found ourselves in the bright sunlight. The door we opened was marked "graduation," but we didn't stop to read the fine-printed subtitle which read "an exposure to life."

We have laughed---and cried. At times we were disappointed. Finding contentment in Tecumseh's gorgeous sunsets, we anxiously awaited the next dawn. For the dawning of each new day brought new challenges and involvement which characterized our discovery--a reflection of real life.





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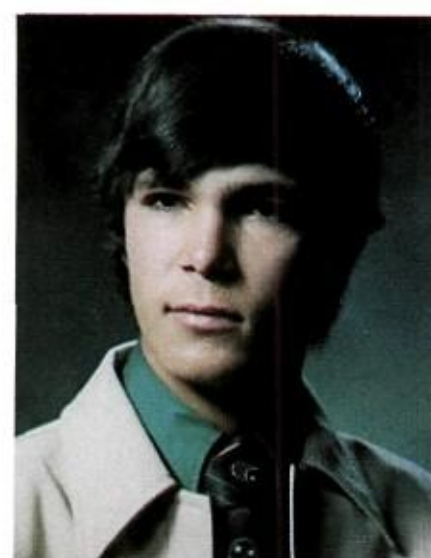
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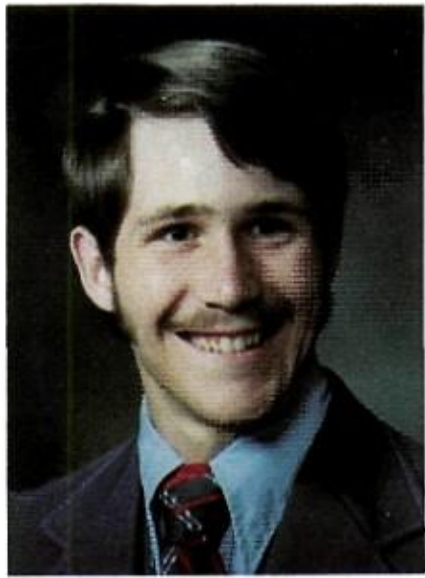


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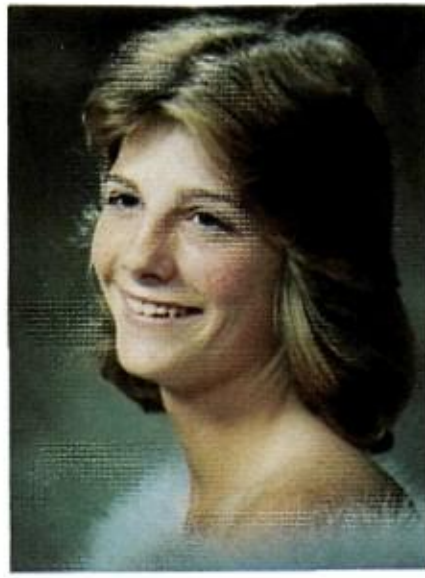




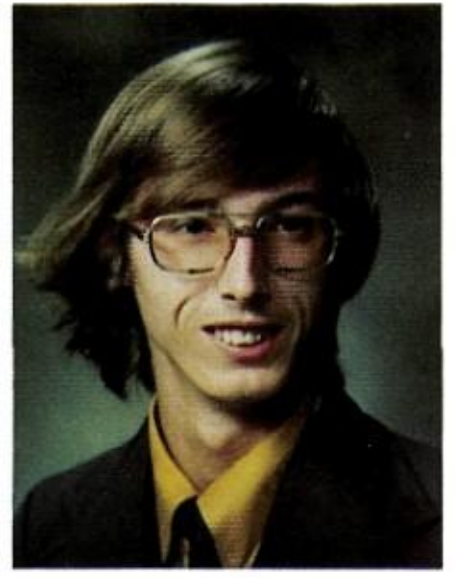
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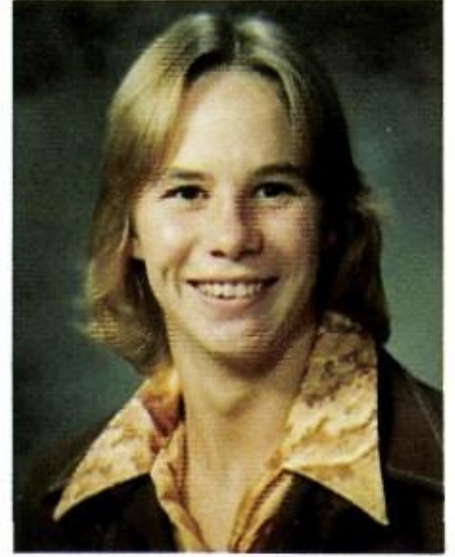
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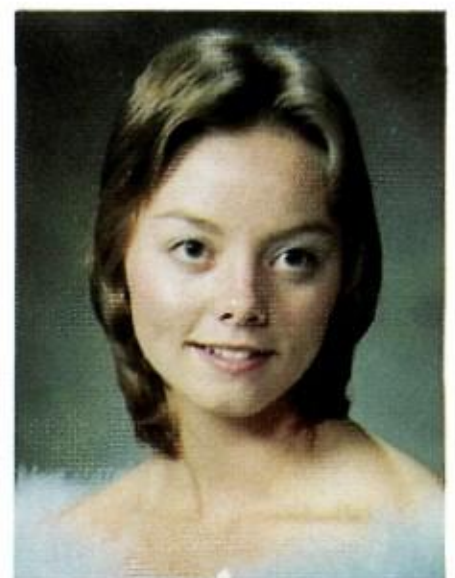
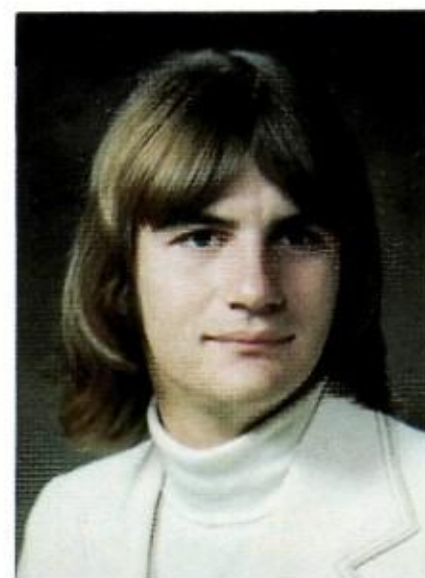
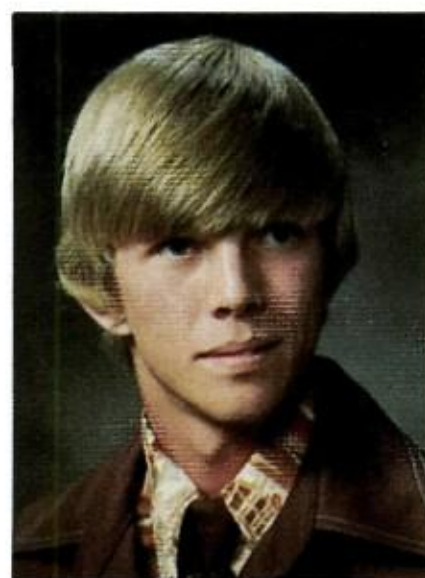
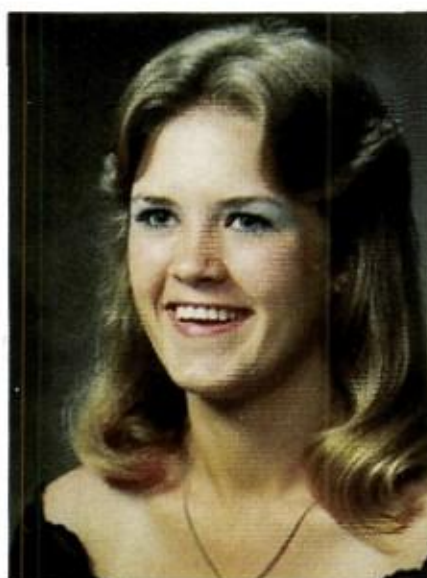
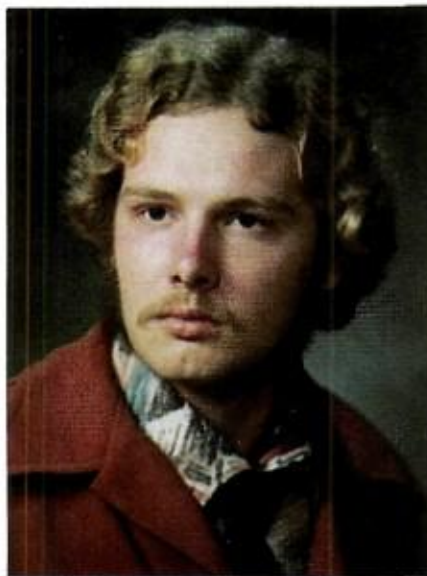
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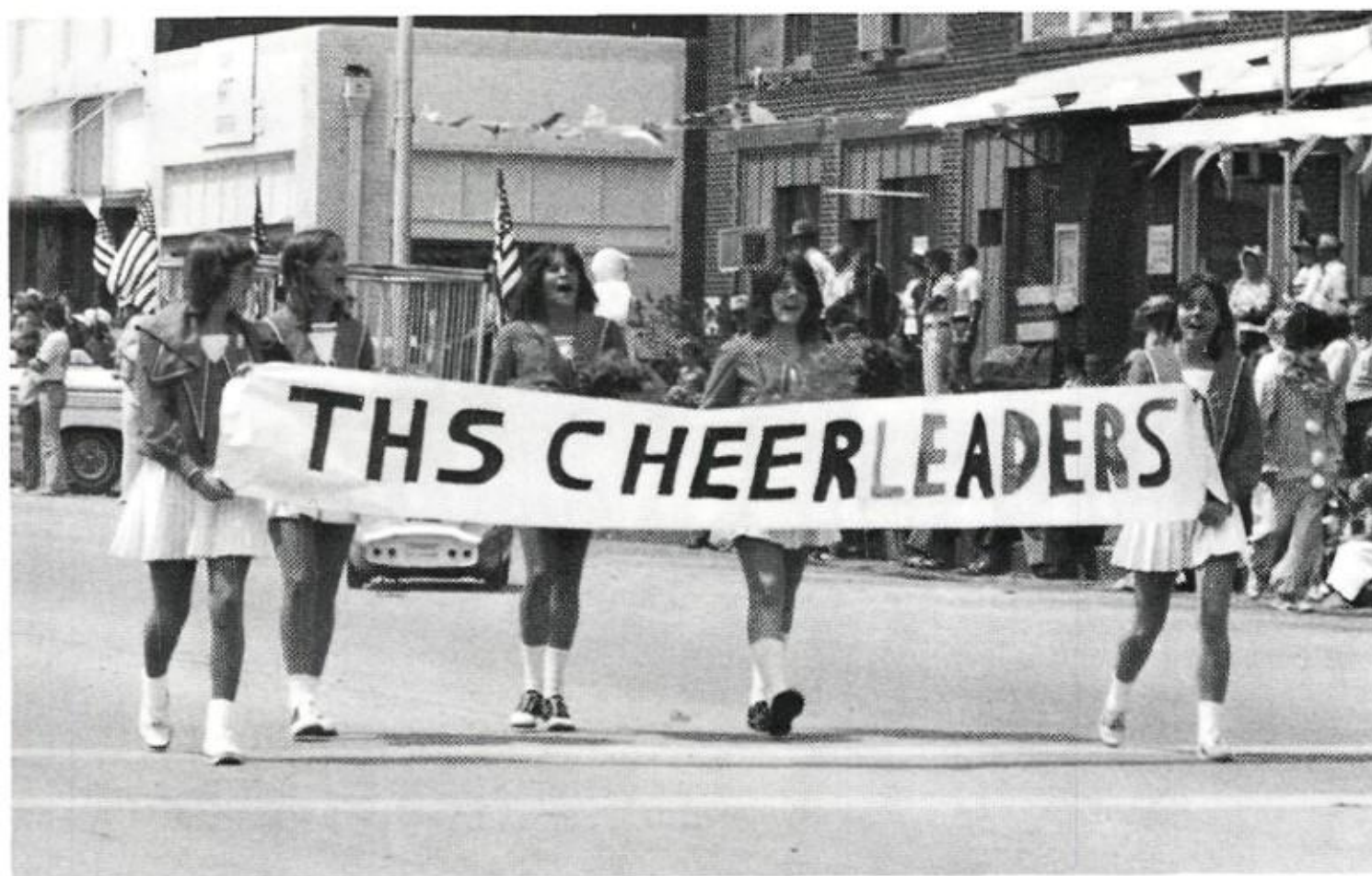


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*A reflection
is
an image —
as elusive
as a
shadow,
as blinding
as the sun.*

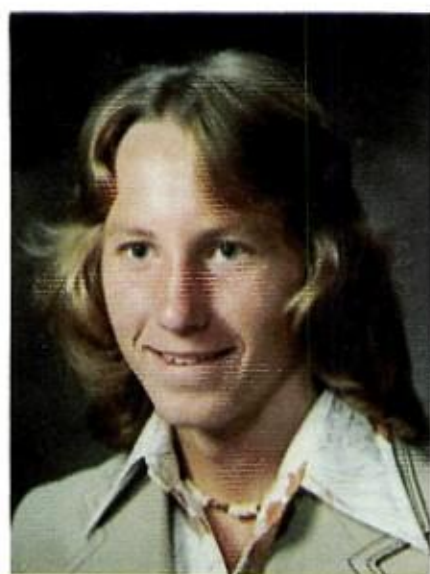




Our classmates help form the most beautiful
 Time of our lives
 In the days of youth and forgotten memories.
 We pause to reflect now---ever so still as
 We gaze over the horizon of the unknown.
 Ah, reflections of the past and I see...you.
 You were always there, eager to care,
 Someone with whom to share my personal
 Triumphs and silent tears.
 But, my friend, people grow older as I
 Know we must.
 We will grow apart and live our separate lives.
 When I am content to sit and recall our years
 In T.H.S.
 I will remember you... as my friend.



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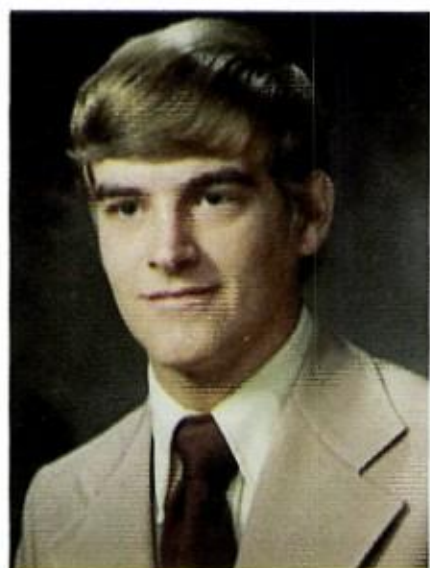
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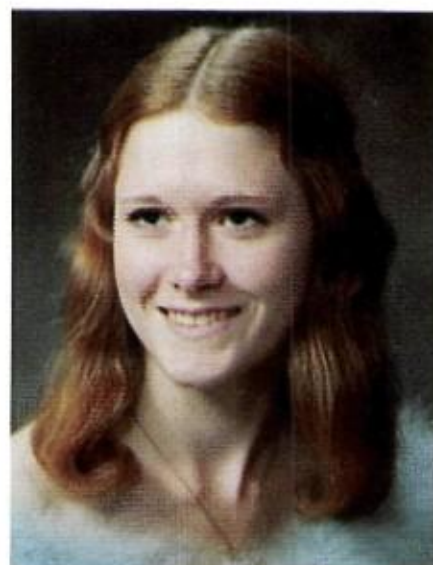
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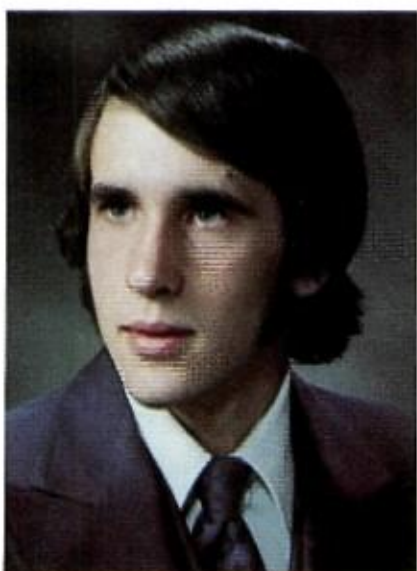
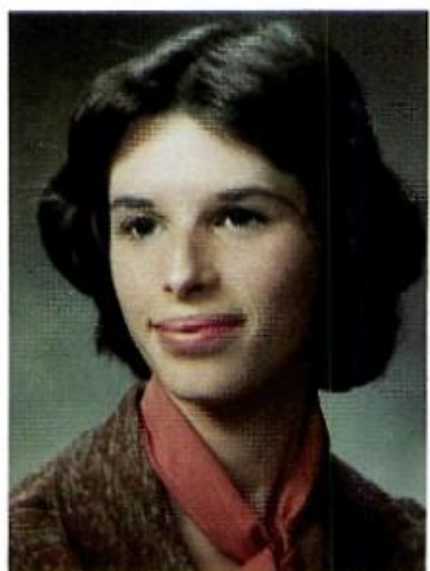
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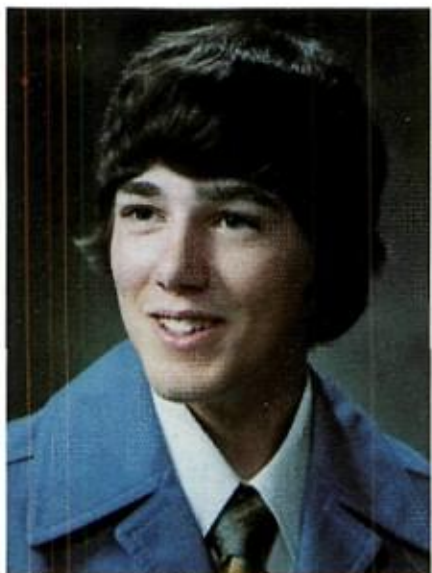


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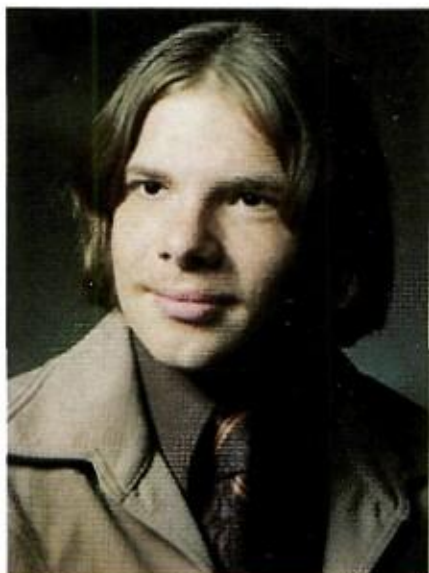


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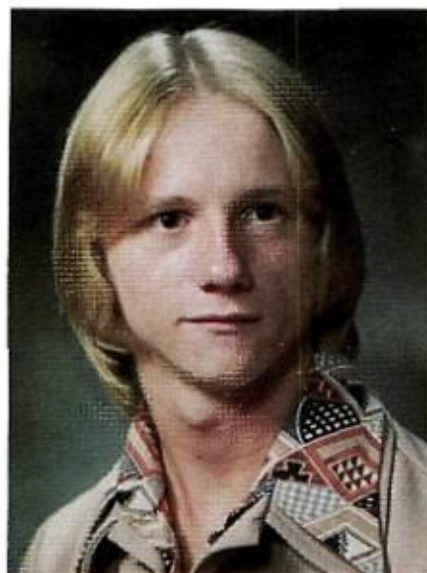




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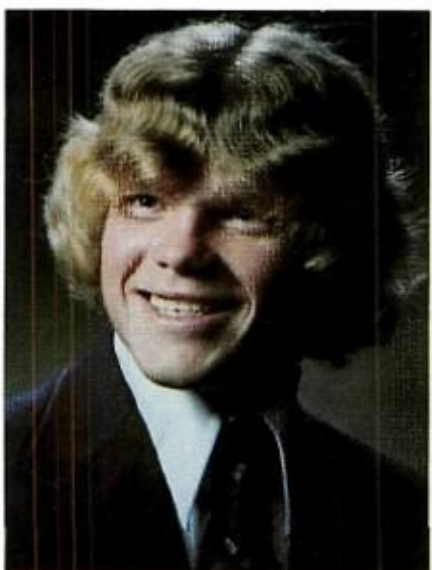
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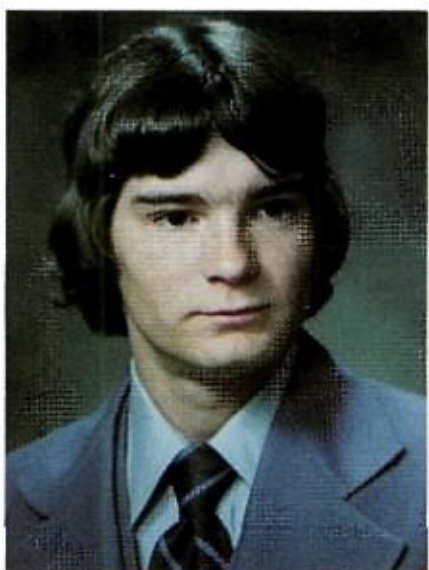
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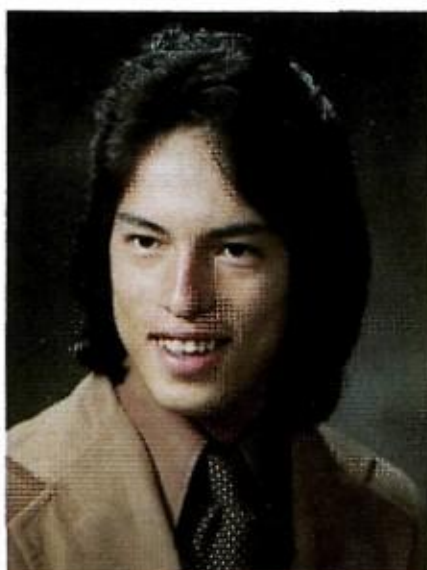
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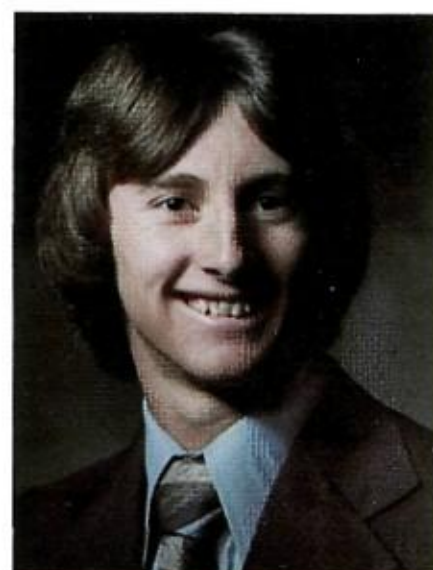
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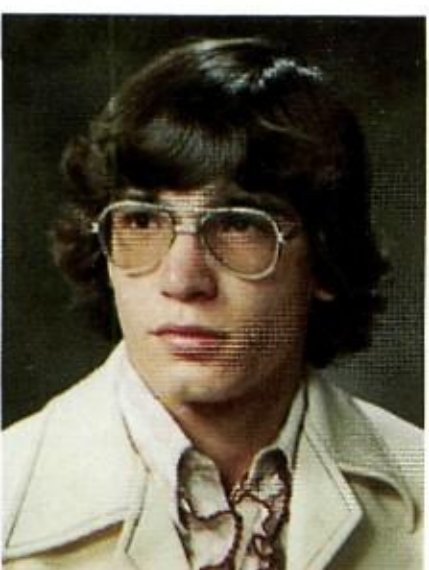
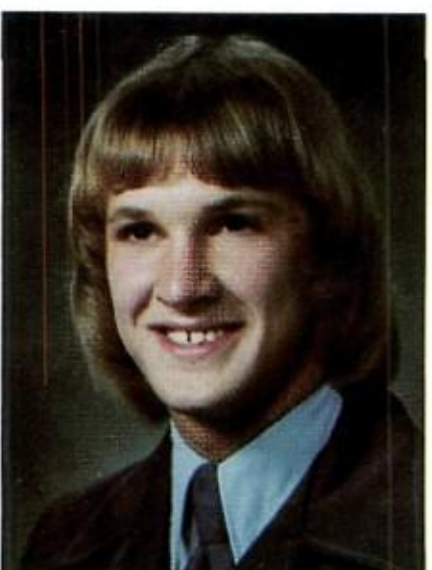
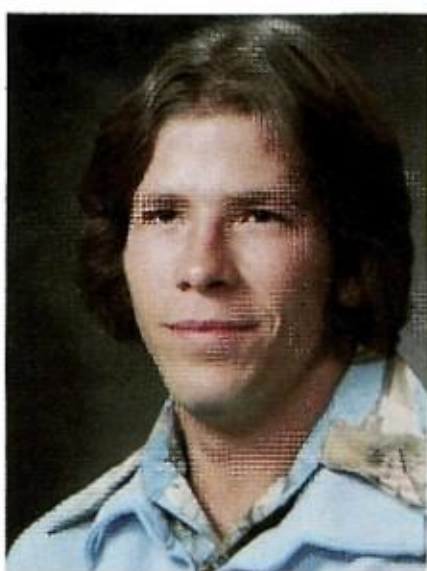
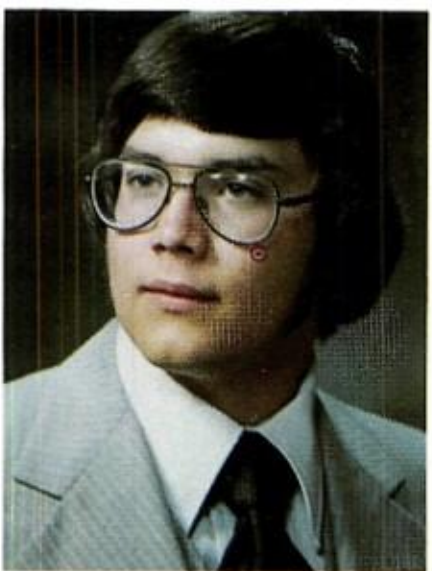
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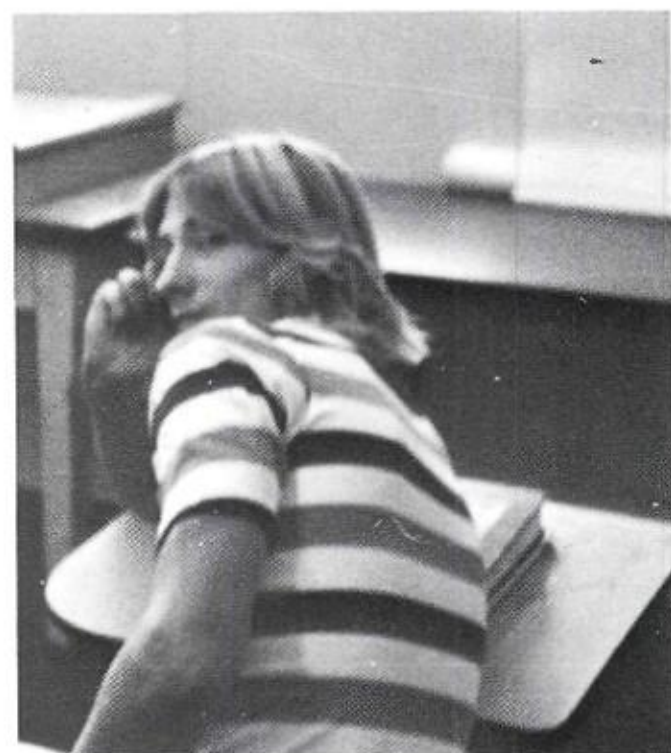


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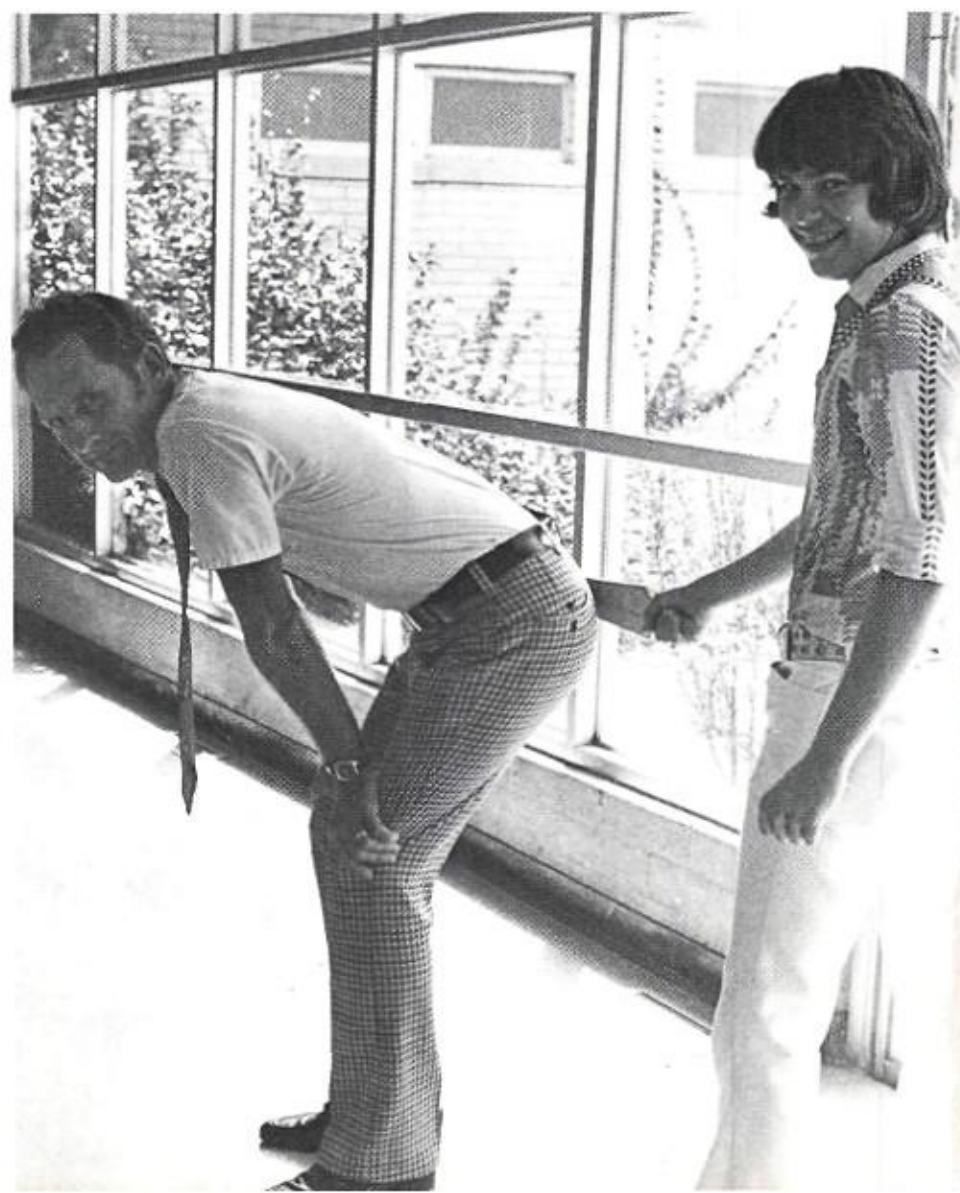


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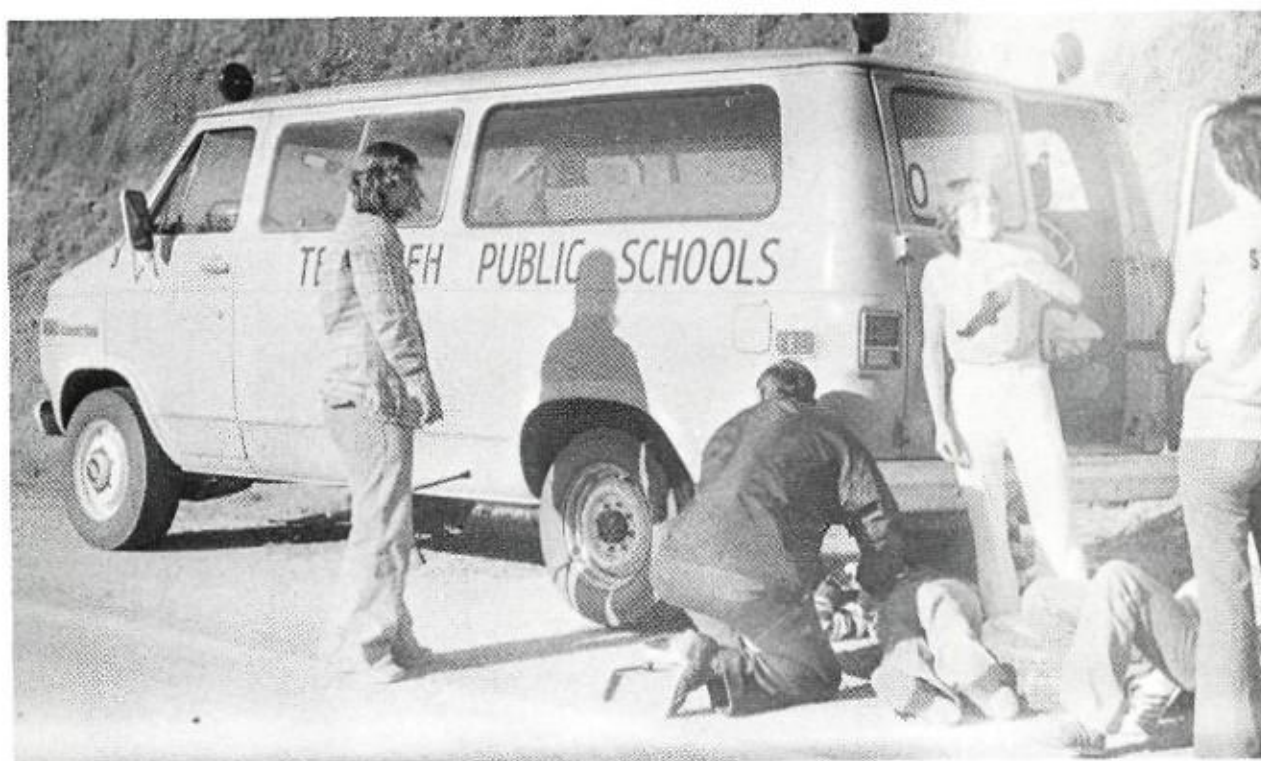
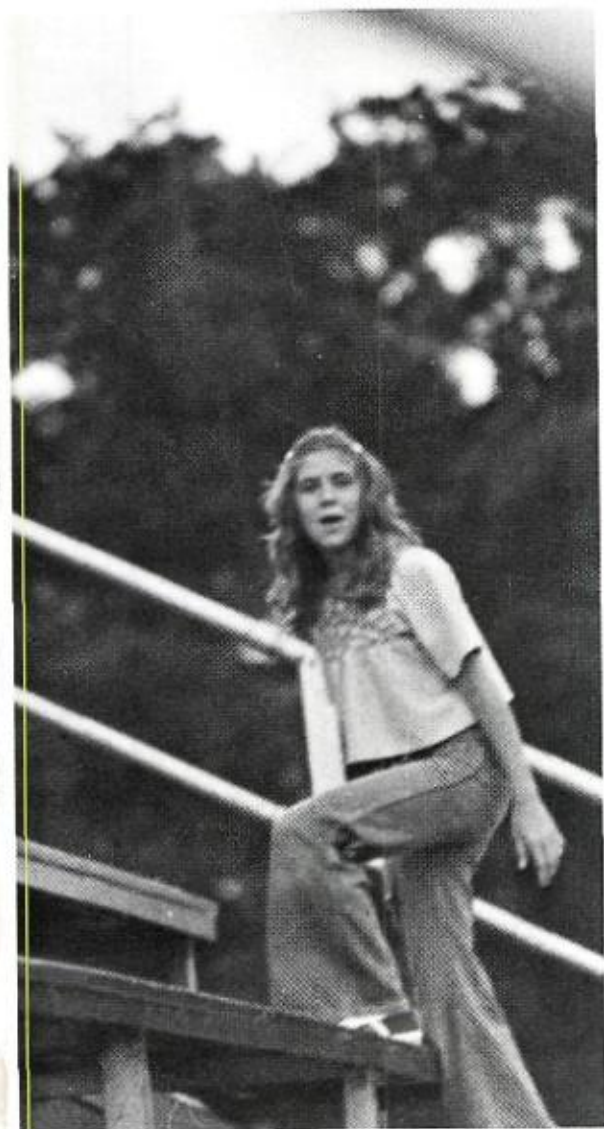


*The questions
of life-
will we ever find
the answers?
— contemplation —
maturing moments
in our discovery.*





ABOVE, Minor Simms puts bear hug on a friend. RIGHT, Lori is caught in the act of her favorite pastime--choking who?



Track Coach Mr. Dudley, ABOVE, gets a bit of exercise fixing flat tire on mini-bus. Track girls lend helping hand. Kim Pruitt is surprised, LEFT, while attending football game.



LEFT, Lori Kirk visits yearbook book (again)! Mr. Curson's American history class sure is a bunch of Eager Beavers.



Spring, girls, shorts--a perfect recipe for fun as Junior High School girls play softball. BELOW RIGHT, in contrast Tecumseh High cheerleaders brave chilly, sub-freezing in downtown Christmas parade.



"Mr. Humphrey, I presume!"





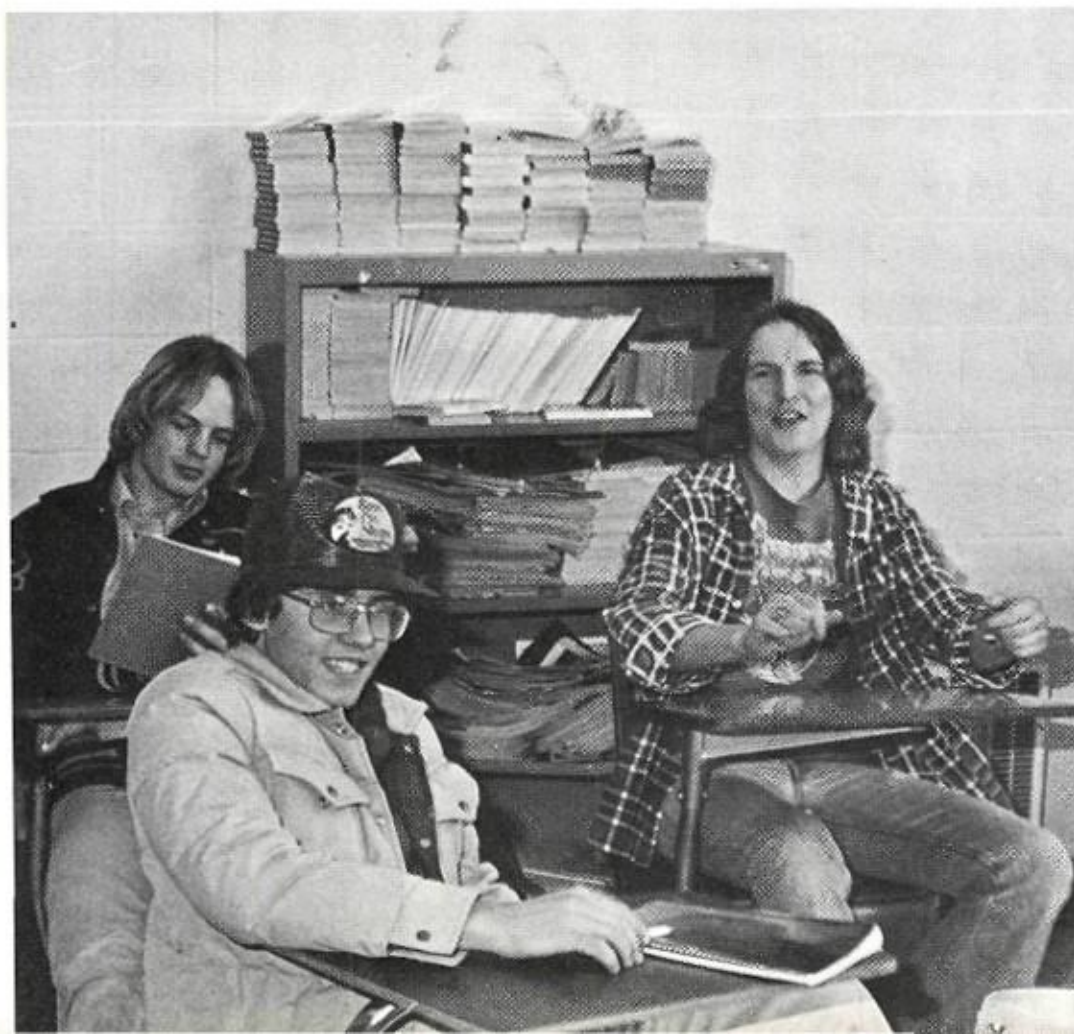
Students will forego any hardship, even freezing weather, to shout for their team at an exciting football game.



Kelly Loveless, ABOVE, makes a point. BELOW, Vic studies seriously as two other classmates "goof off" a bit.



Lori and friends, ABOVE, seem captivated by ??? BELOW, Kathy and Kaye on yearbook assignment or sightseeing again?



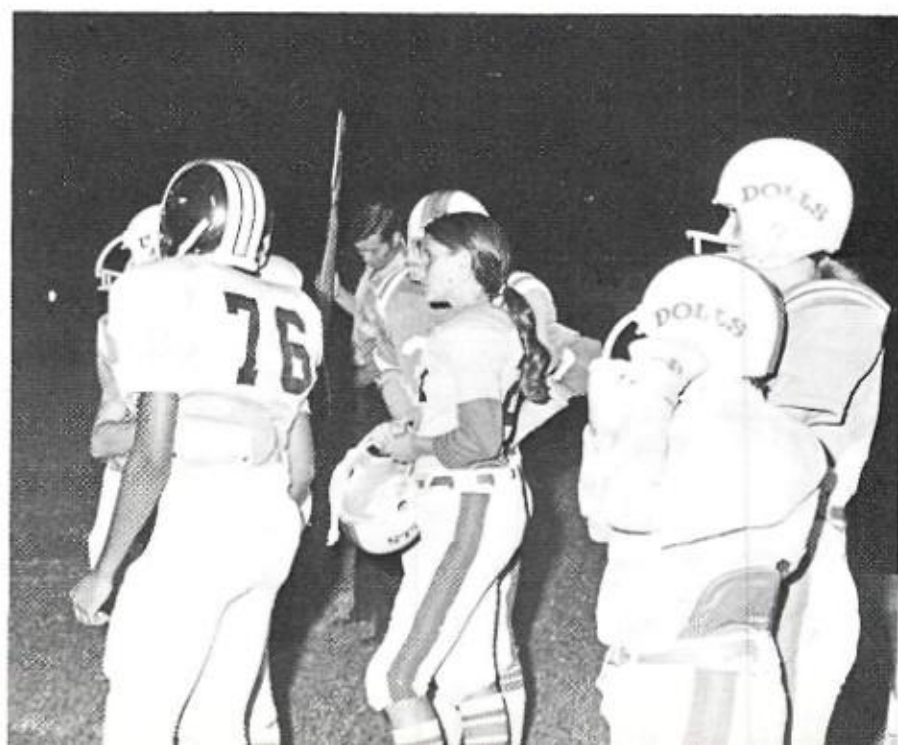
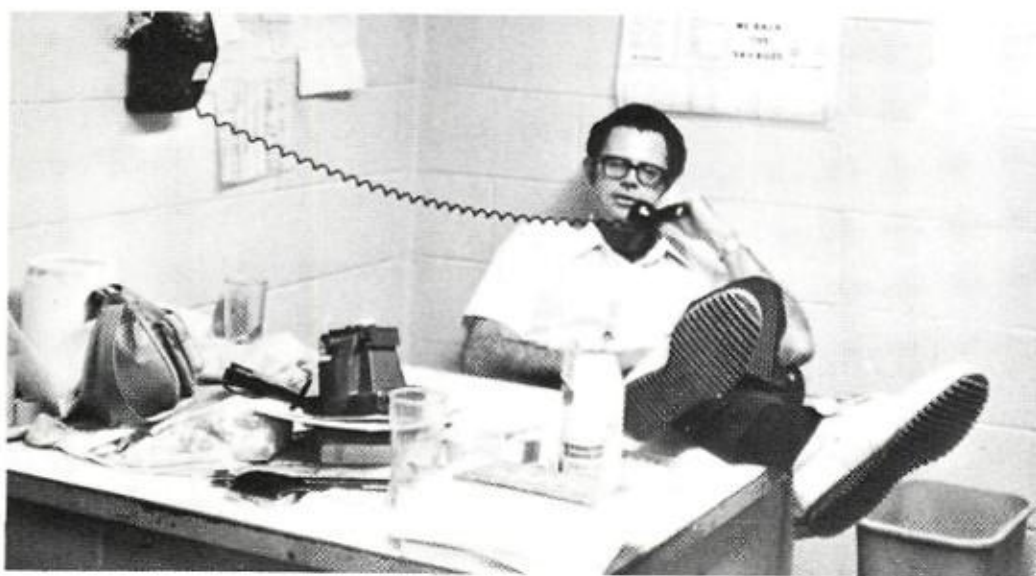


Mrs. Yates has a colossal birthday party, ABOVE, as cake for everybody is on car hood. LEFT, Teresa is crowned Miss Frontier Days May 23 as Kim Cle-



THS coaches Snider, Sternberger and Honeycutt take it to OU football players, ABOVE, in Federation of Christian Athletes benefit game in April. BELOW, basketball boss Mr. Avery takes it easy as he makes long distance call about game.

In the fall Oklahoma City Dolls girls football team, BELOW, scrimmaged for Tecumseh fans. Note pigtails. Dolls were co-national champs in 1976.





men, Miss Congeniality and Desiree Davidson, first runner-up, join in the festivities.



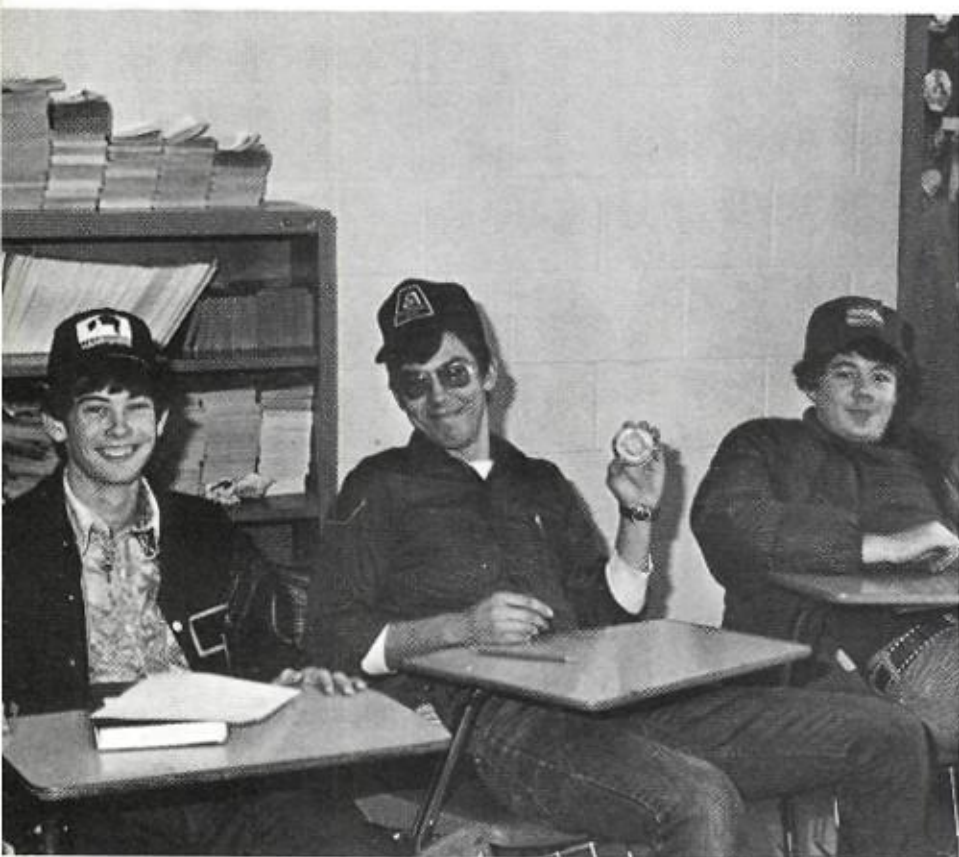
Mrs. Price makes a comment after students study how to make a smooth-running sentence in English class.

"Step right up folks!" echo Savage supersalesmen Pat, Bill and Alan, ABOVE, while Lance Hargis, BELOW offers a trumpet solo to an after-school audience. LEFT, pool expert Jan Coffey puts on intriguing exhibition for Billy Copeland.





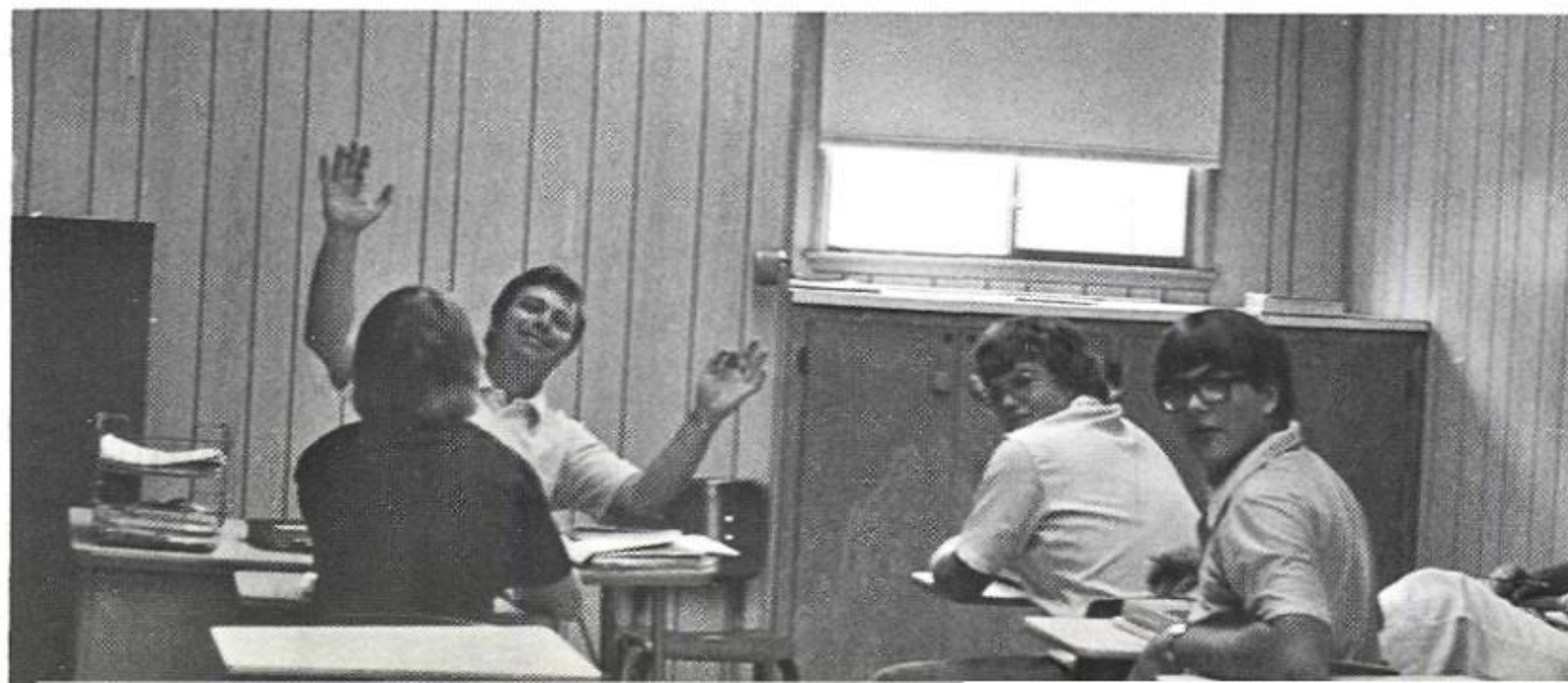
Applauding for their favorite wrestlers, 15 gorgeous Mat Maids -- who assisted and cheered THS wrestlers on to victories -- make a pretty picture during wrestling homecoming celebration and wrestling queen coronation. Agree?



Mr. McMahan and friends, we presume, ABOVE, smile as close of a class nears. BELOW, Mr. McClure surrenders to a sneaky yearbook photographer at the door.



Kathy and Jan ponder what they're gonna do after school is out. Another FFA project, no doubt!



DEDICATION

A Teacher Who Cares

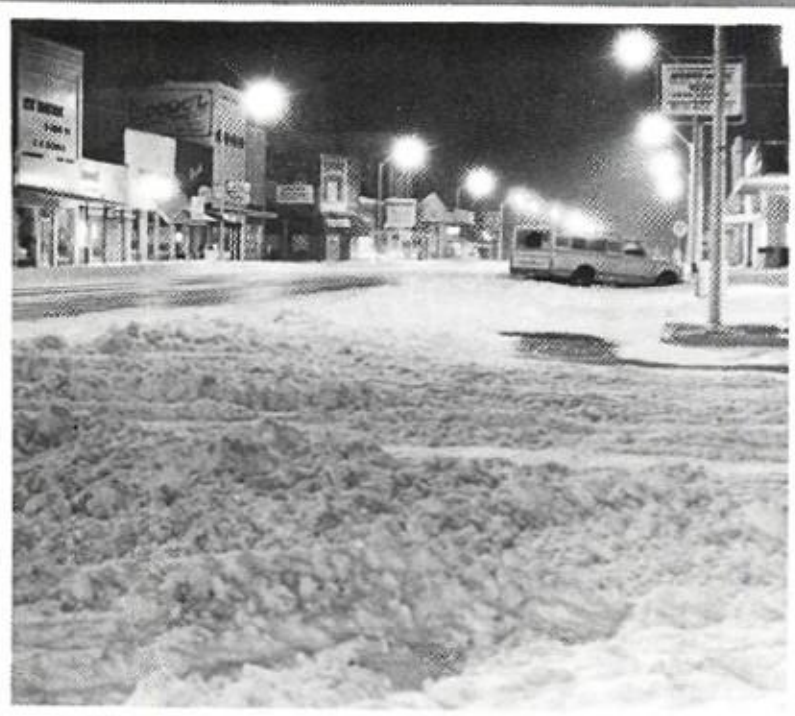
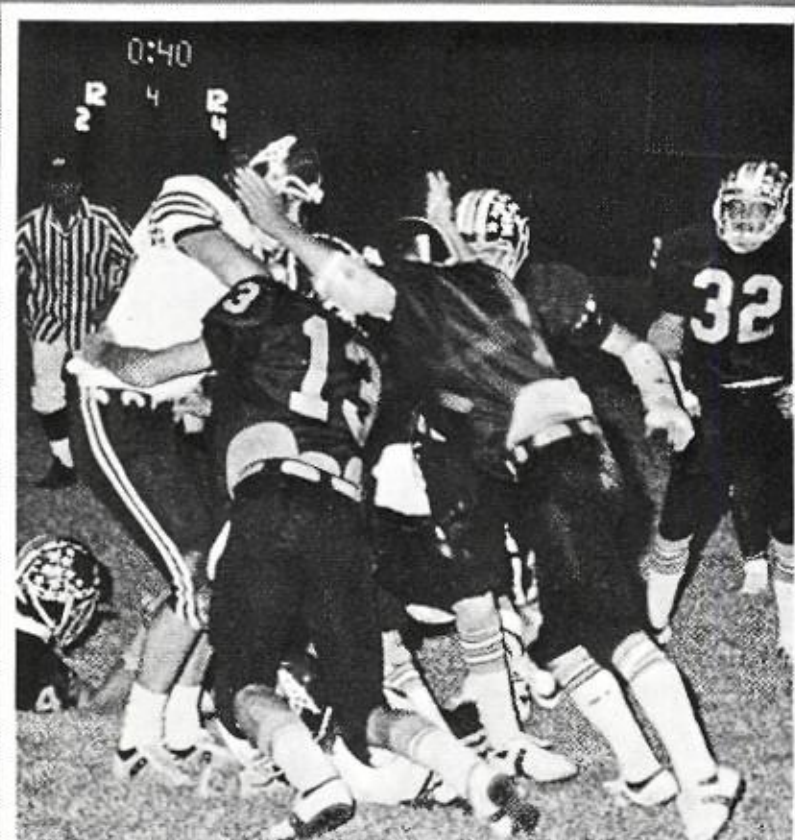
As an expression of our appreciation for her untiring, unselfish efforts on behalf on the students of Tecumseh High School, the 1977 Savage yearbook is respectfully dedicated to Mrs. Clyde Ruth McDonald -- dean of THS teachers.

Thousands of students have become successful and happy homemakers, thanks to her expert home economics instruction.

It is with pride your fellow teachers and students salute you. "Well done!" Mrs. McDonald.



MRS. CLYDE RUTH MCDONALD



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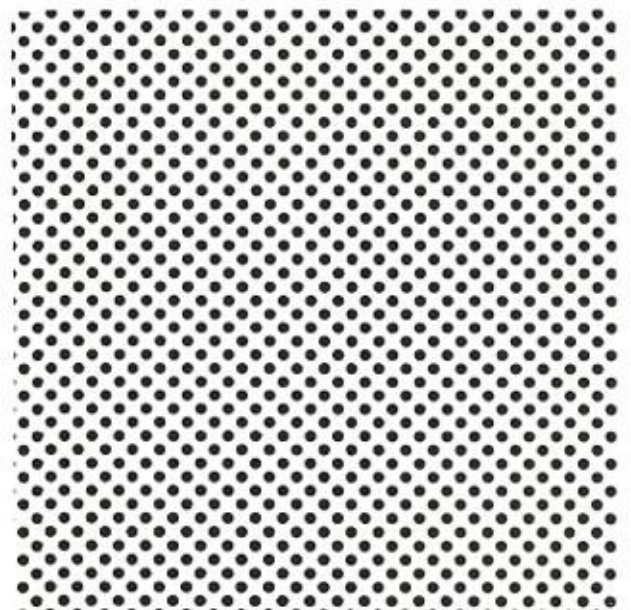
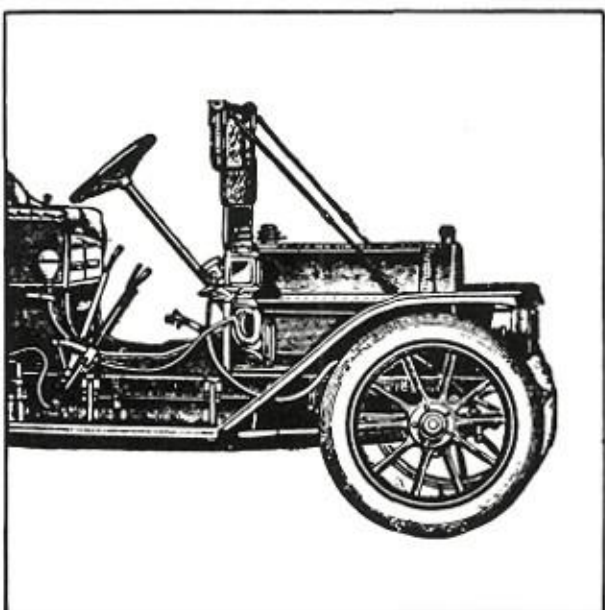
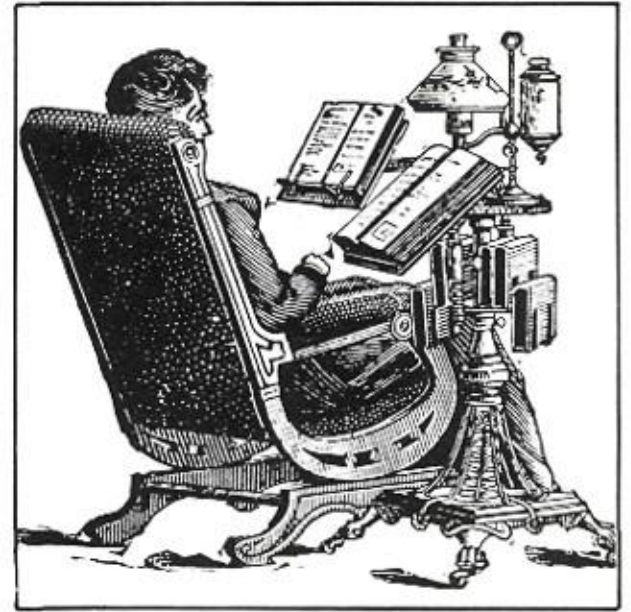
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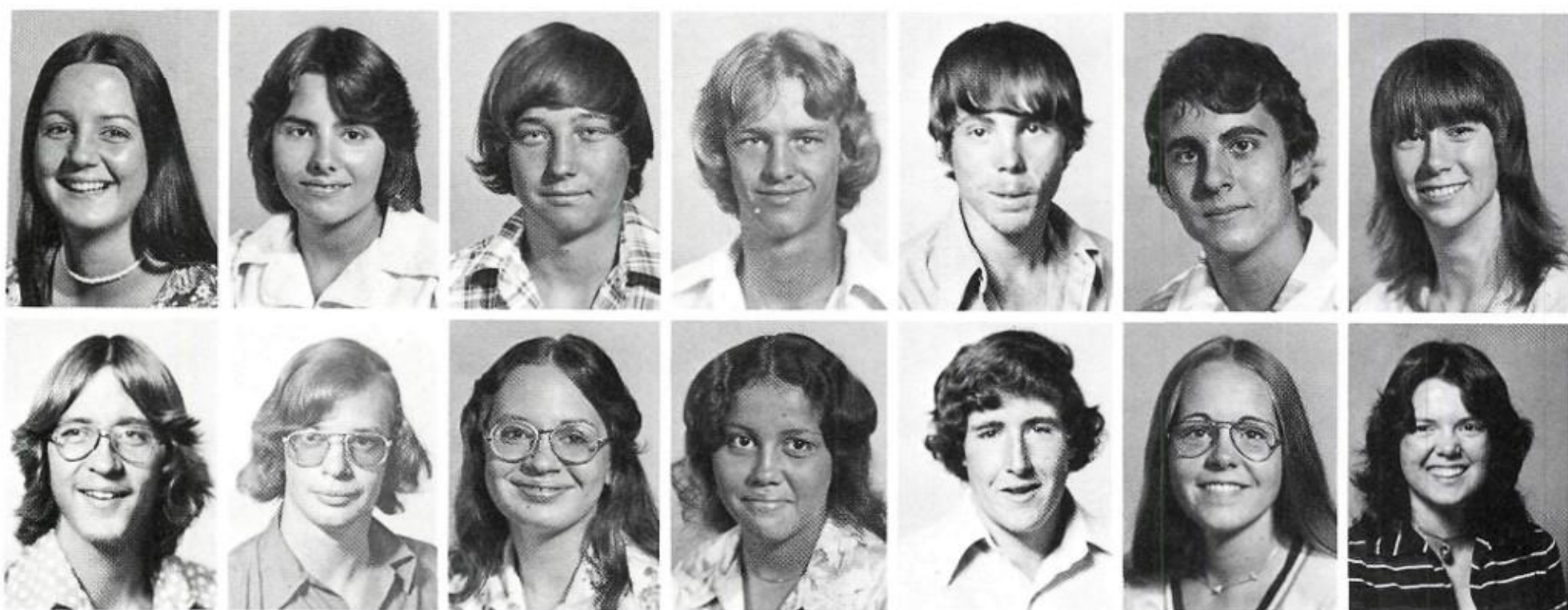
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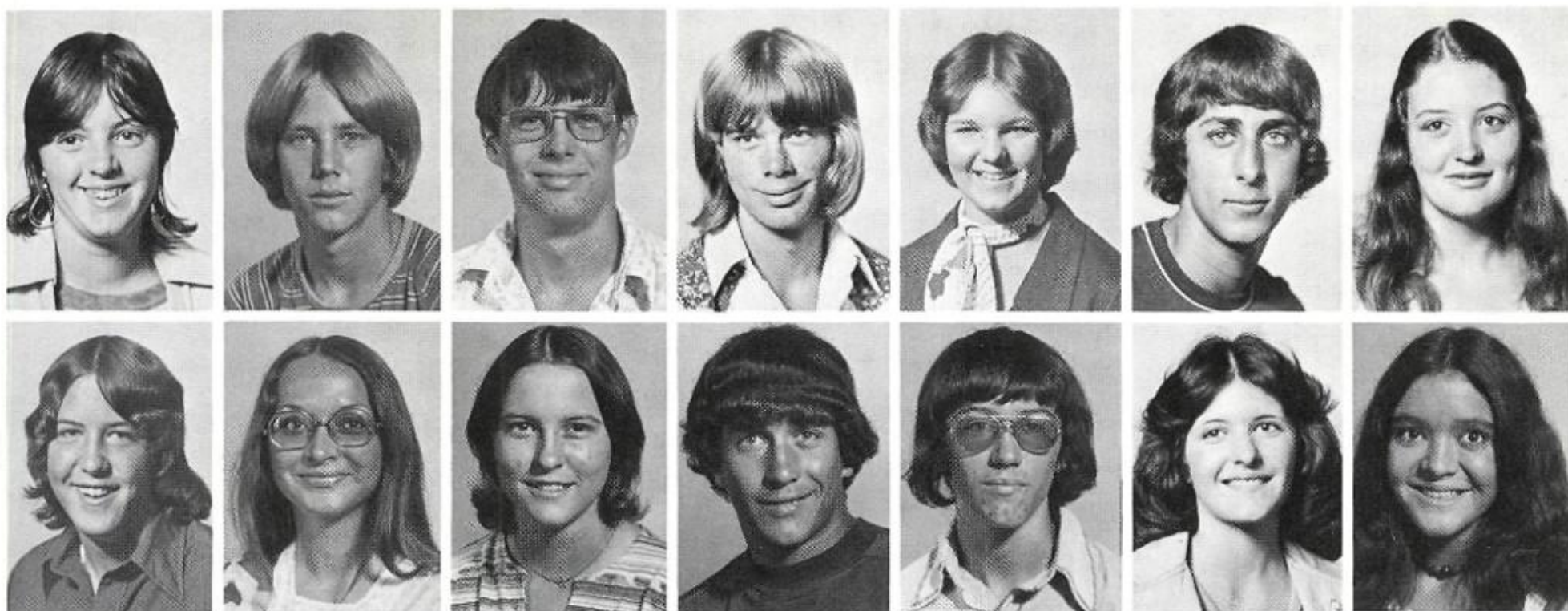
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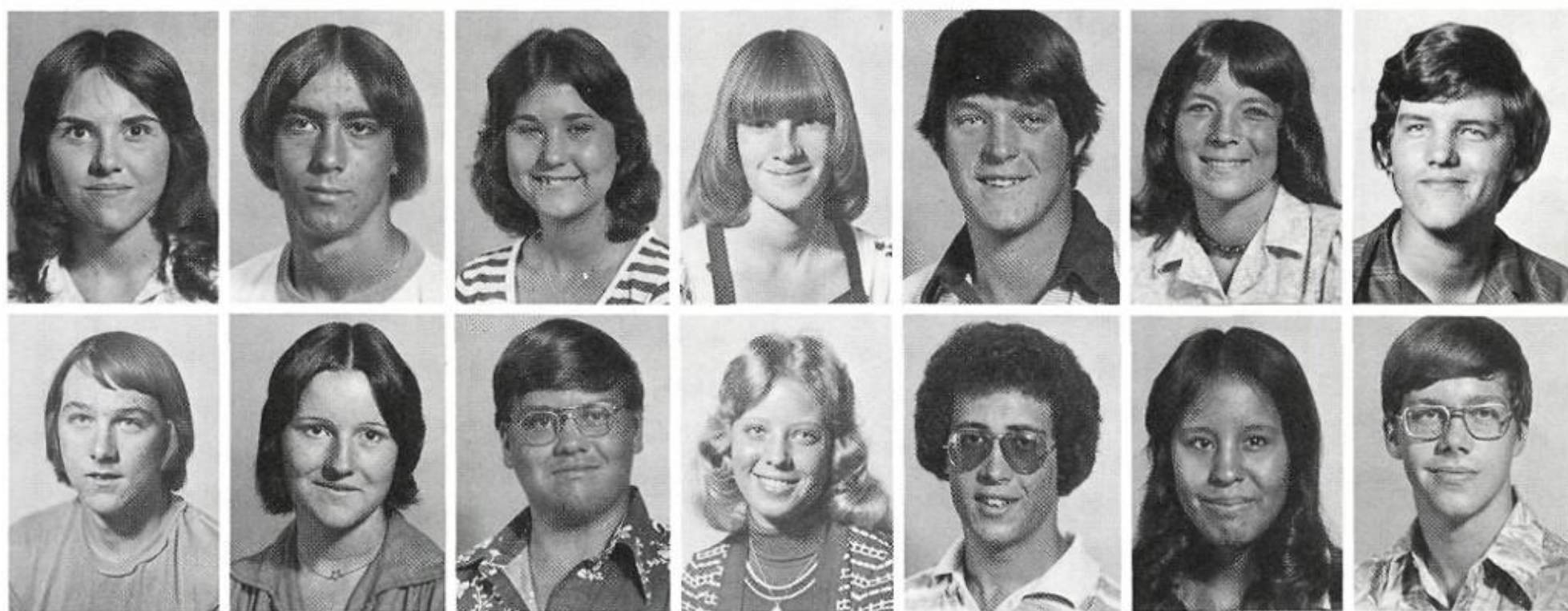
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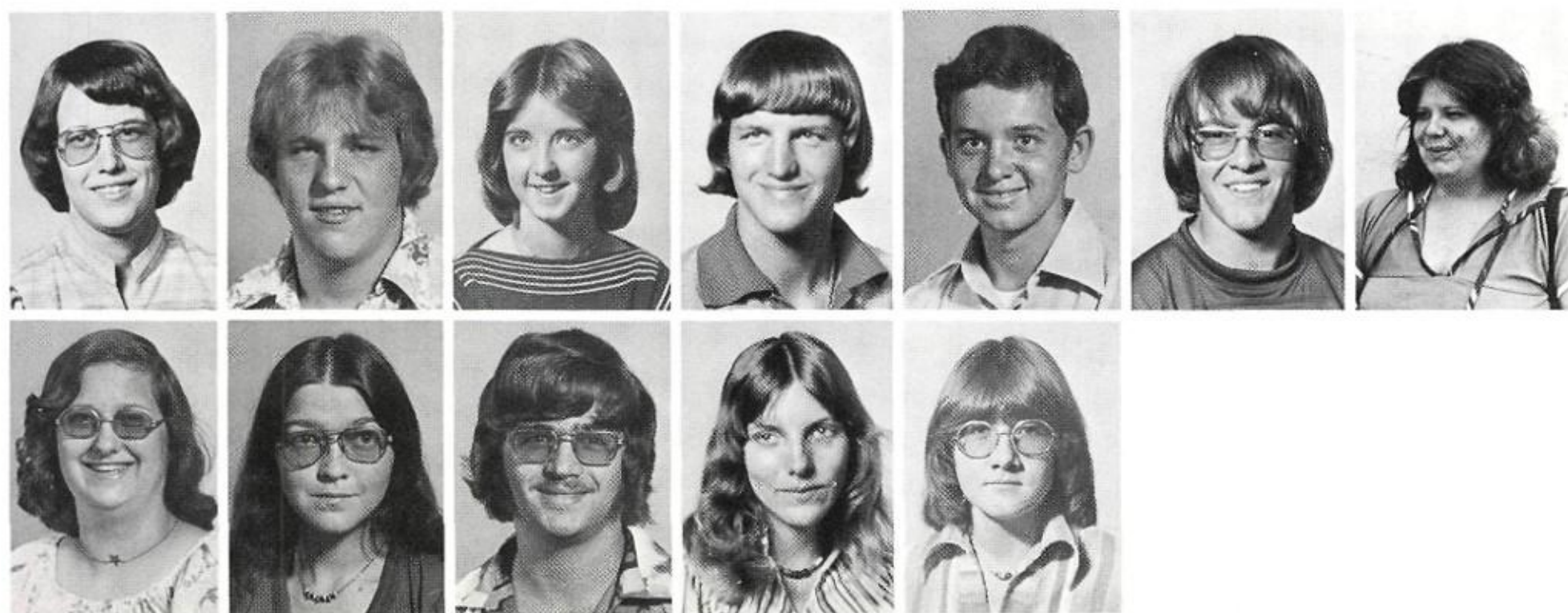
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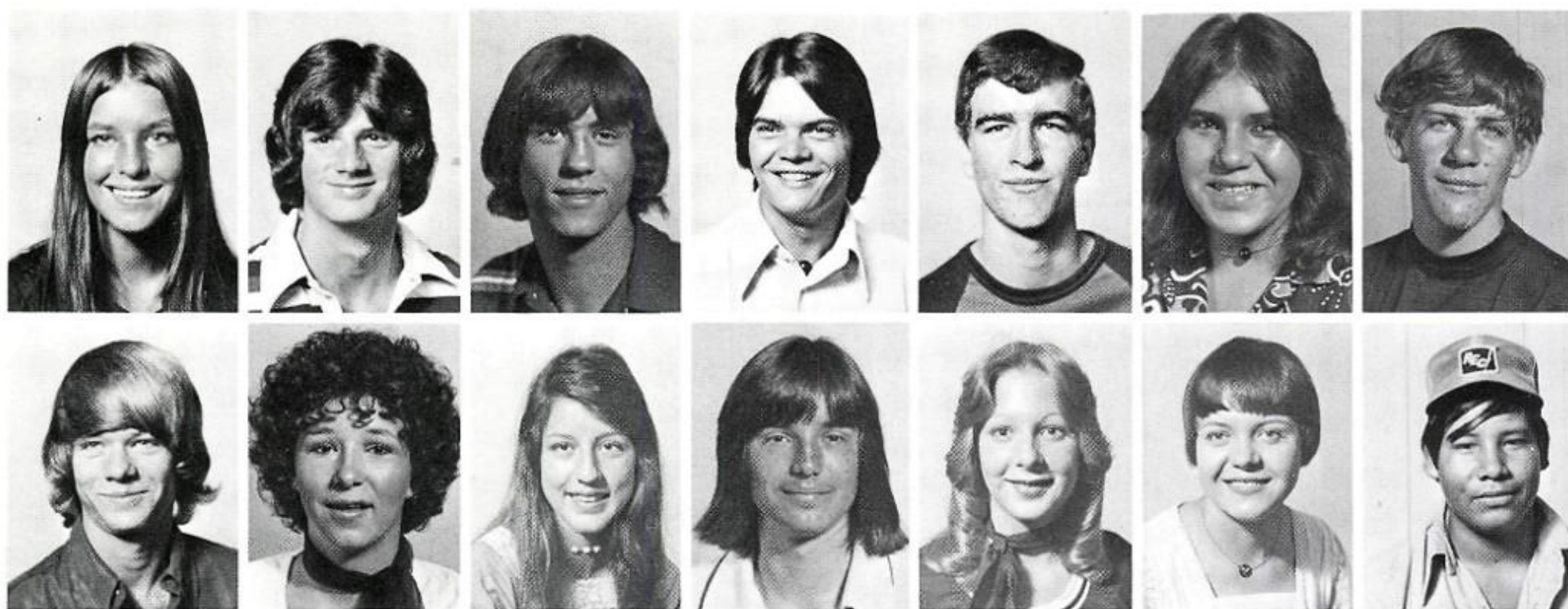


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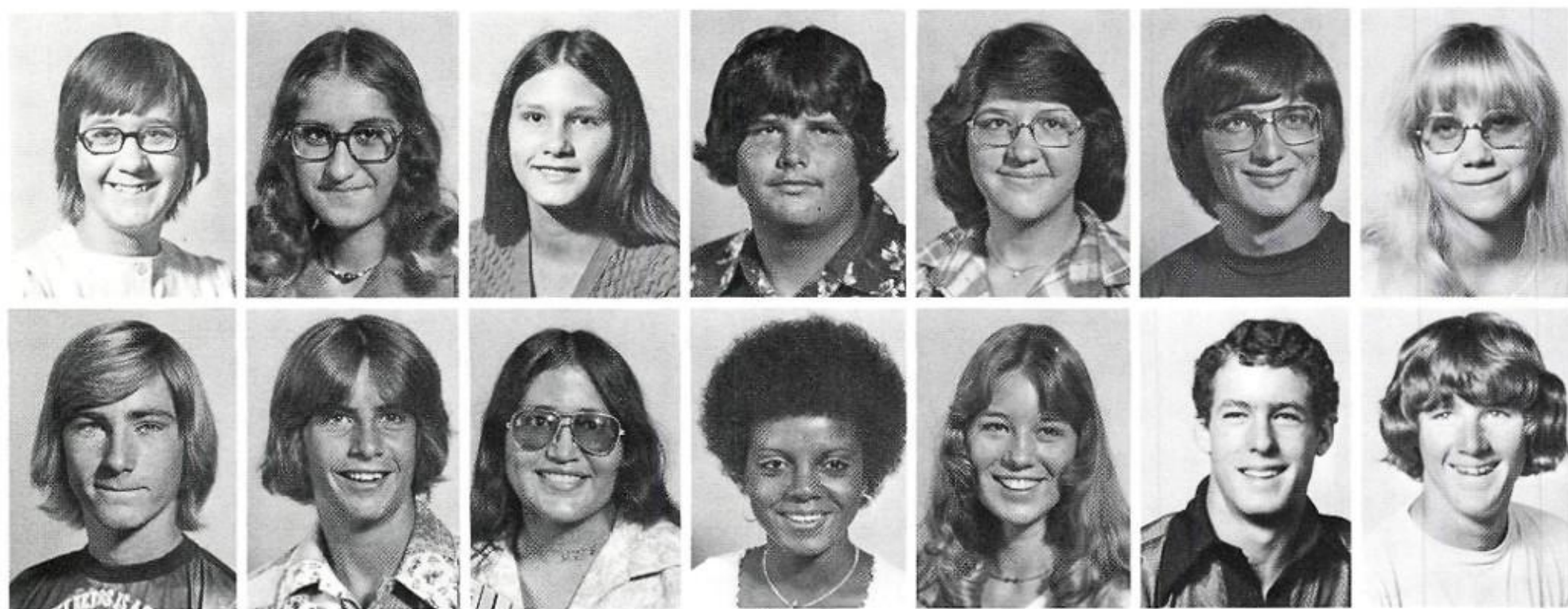


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 ROW 6--Joy Kelley, Cindy Kieffer, Chuck Littleton, Cindy Long, Kelly Loveless.

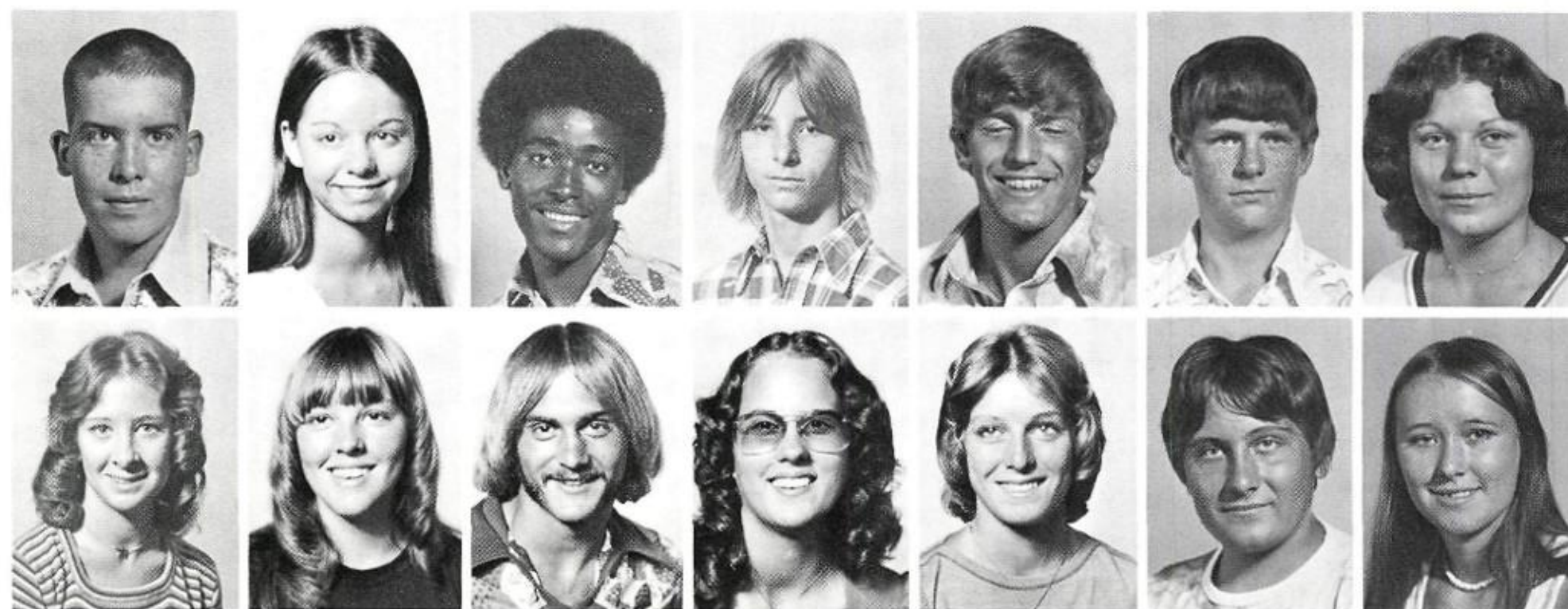


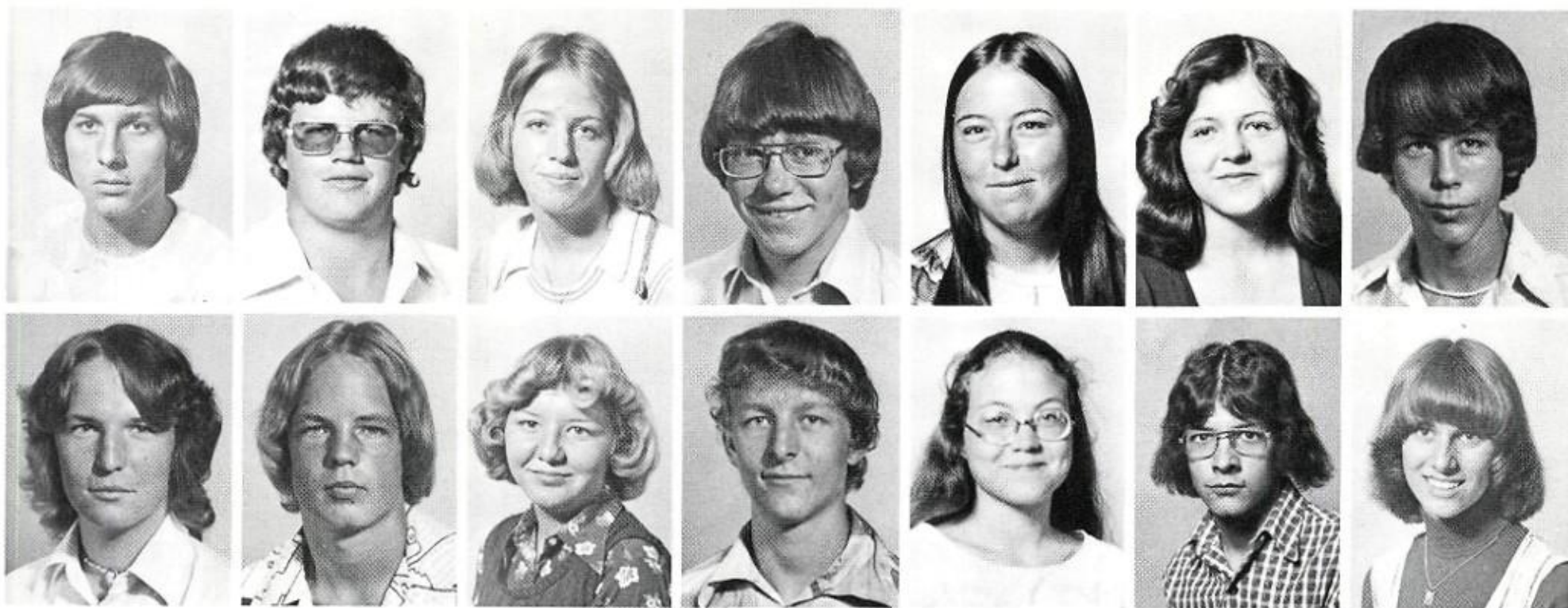


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 ROW 2 - Kevin Marsh, Terri Martin, Joni Mihura, Tony Miller, Tracey Miller, Sharon Minchew, Steve Murdock.
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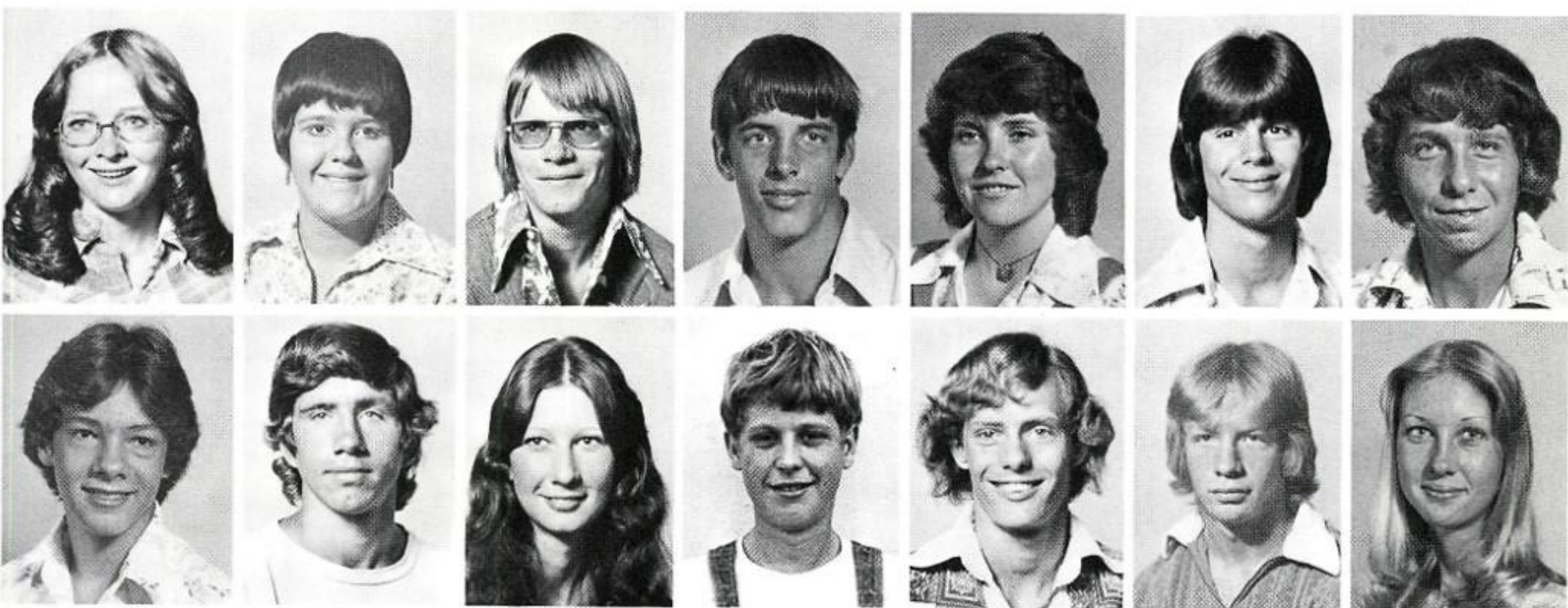


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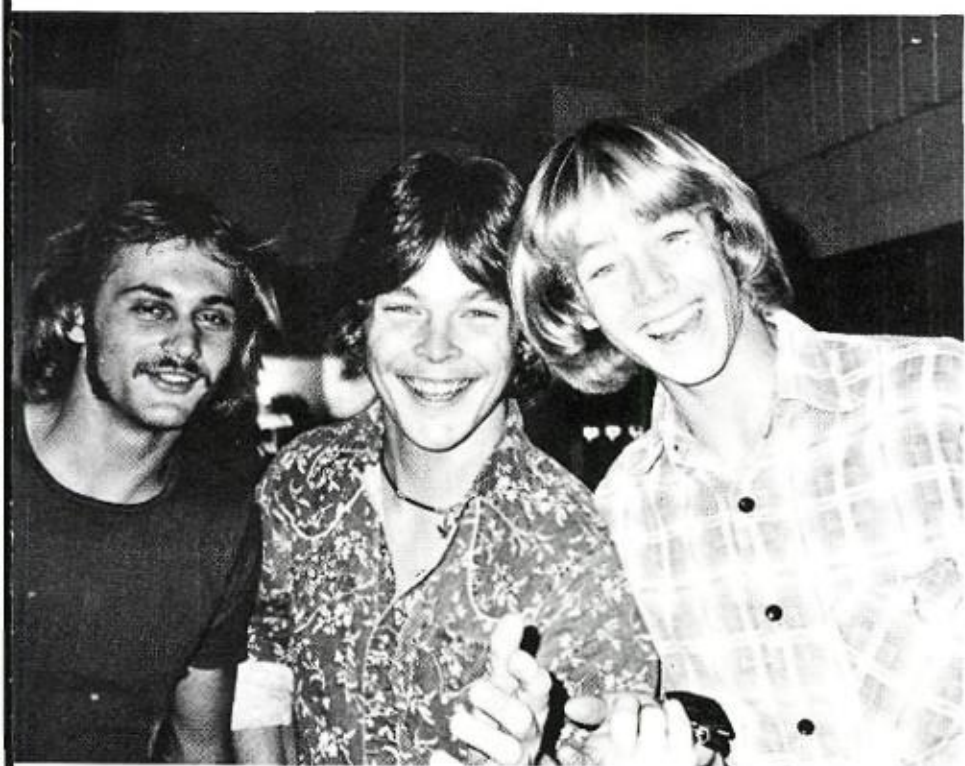
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'JUNIOR YEAR'

Junior year--
 The in-between time
 A special time--
 Time for laughter, drive-ins, new loves that come
 and go
 The bonfires, the parties, the togetherness of the
 Junior class...
 The moneymaking, the meetings, friends;
 Yet, all too soon, it draws to an end
 Junior year is gone--
 Senior year is here--
 A time for remembering, reliving, reliving,
 A time for yearning the past--
 For wanting and wishing...
 For another Junior year!

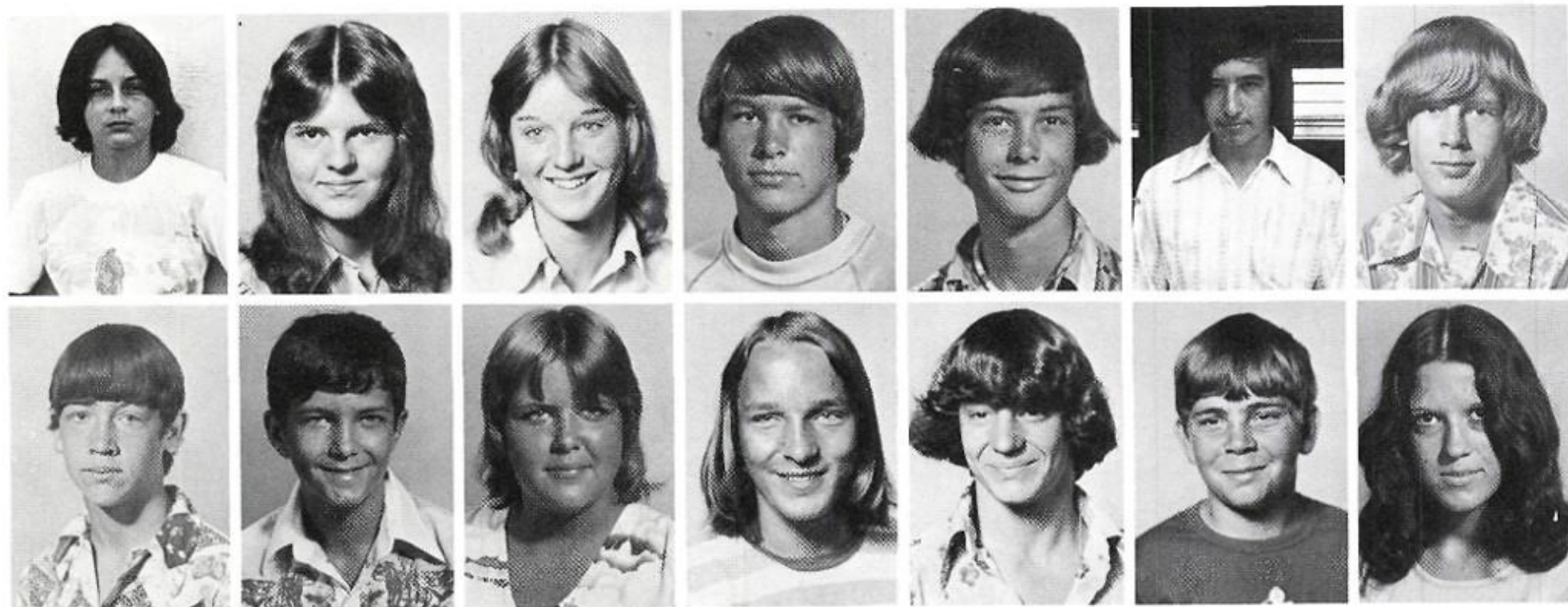
--Kaye Westervelt



SOPHOMORES

Class Officers

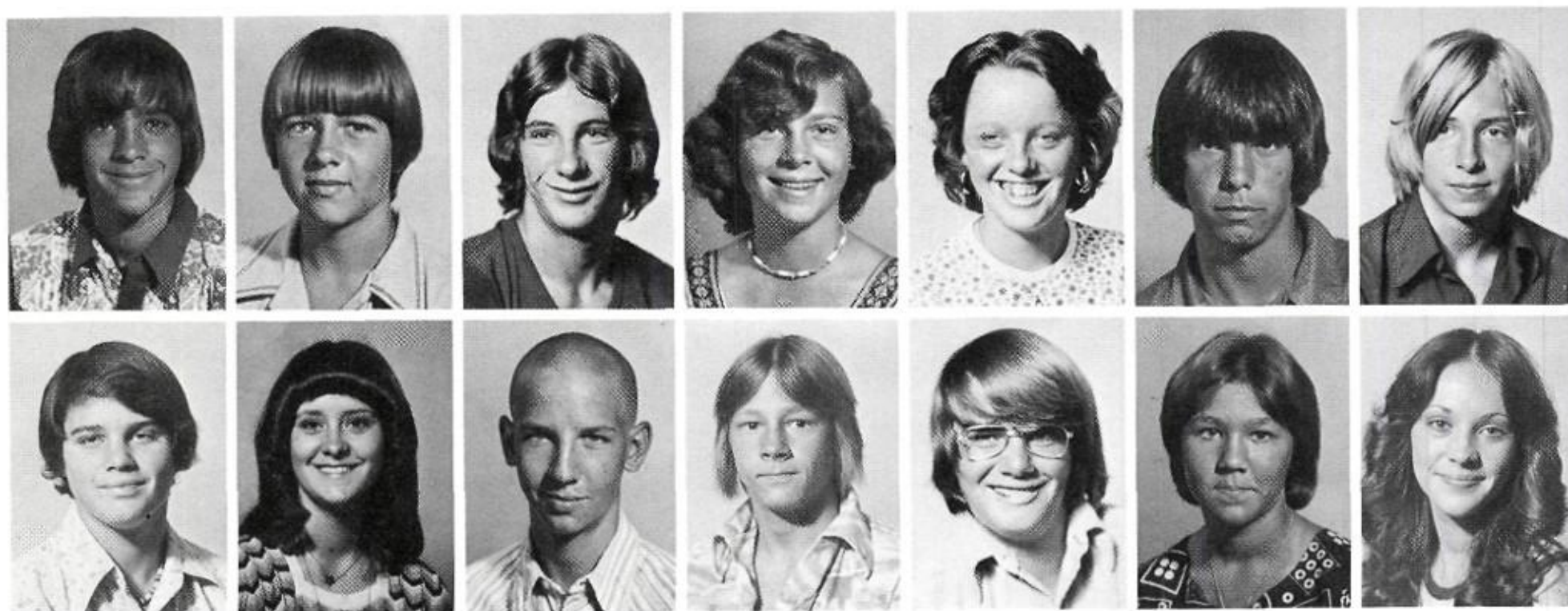
President- Van Stacy
 Vice-President - Kim Clemens
 Treasurer- Sue Washburn
 Secretary- Jeff Hall



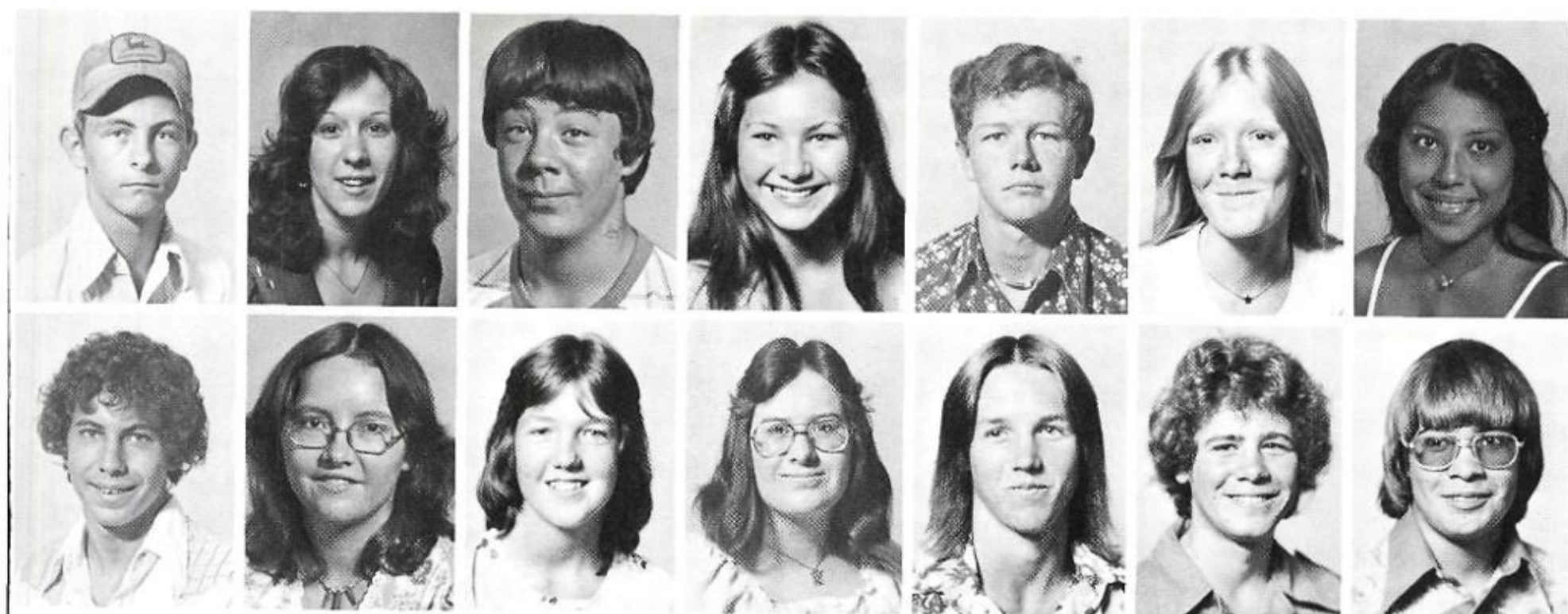
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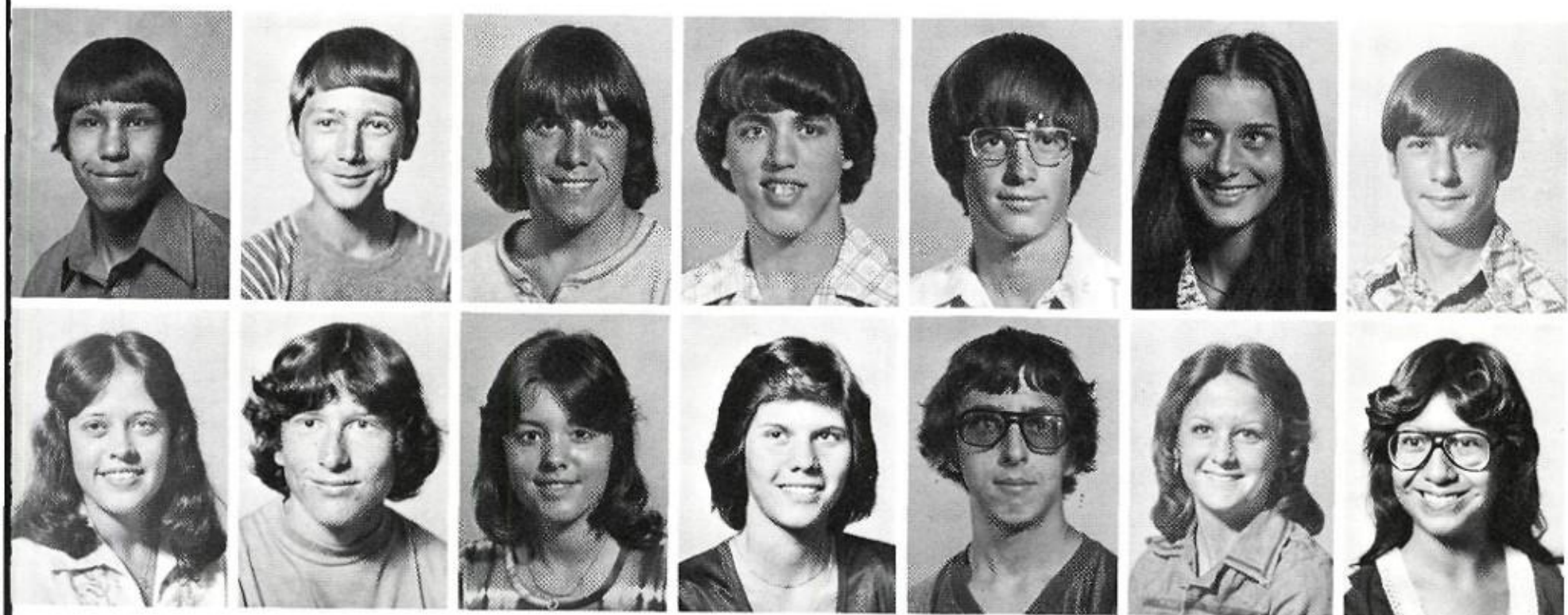
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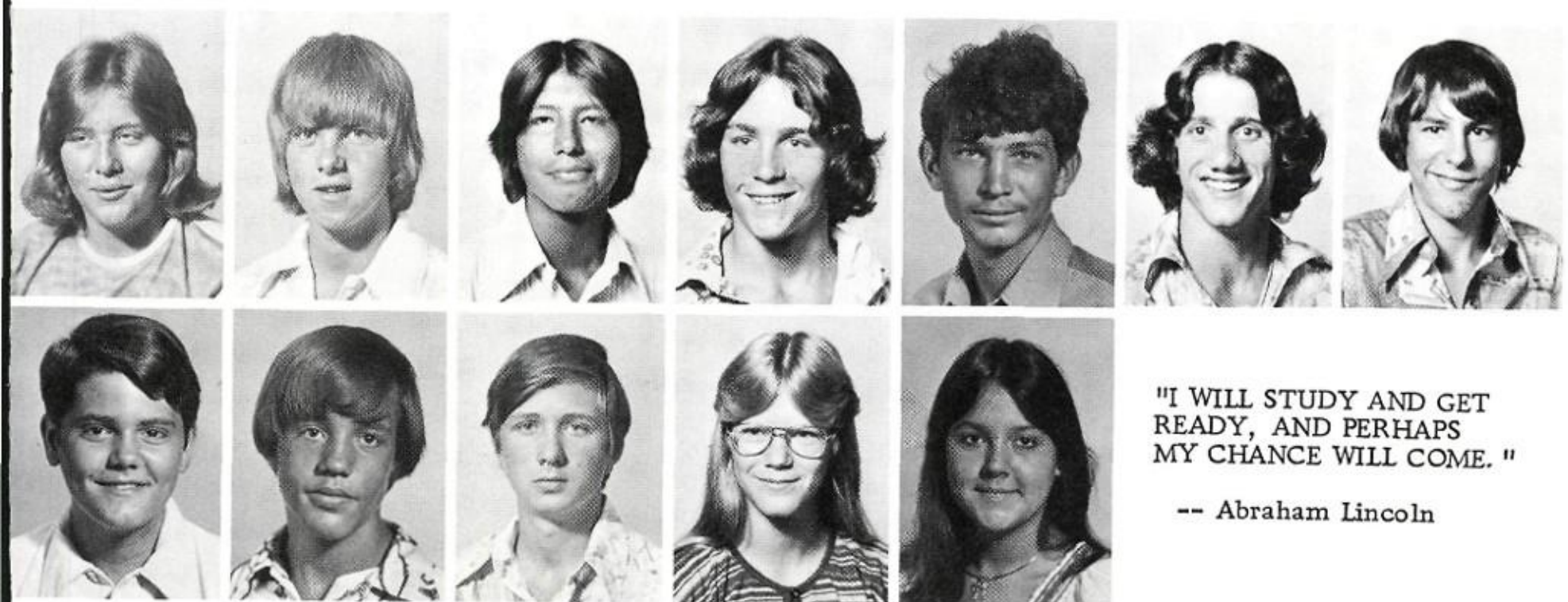
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ROW 1 -- Franky Donovan, Dana Dossey, David Earls, Beth Farrow, James Faulkner, Teresa Fellows, Sondra Fire.
 ROW 2 -- Ricky Folks, Melody Fowler, Linda Garrison, Angela Haley, Jeff Hall, Lance Hargis, Keith Hays. ROW
 3 -- Silas Hill, Mike Hobbs, Jimmy Hopkins, Dennie Hubbell, Russell Hulin, Della Hysell, Tivis Jesse.

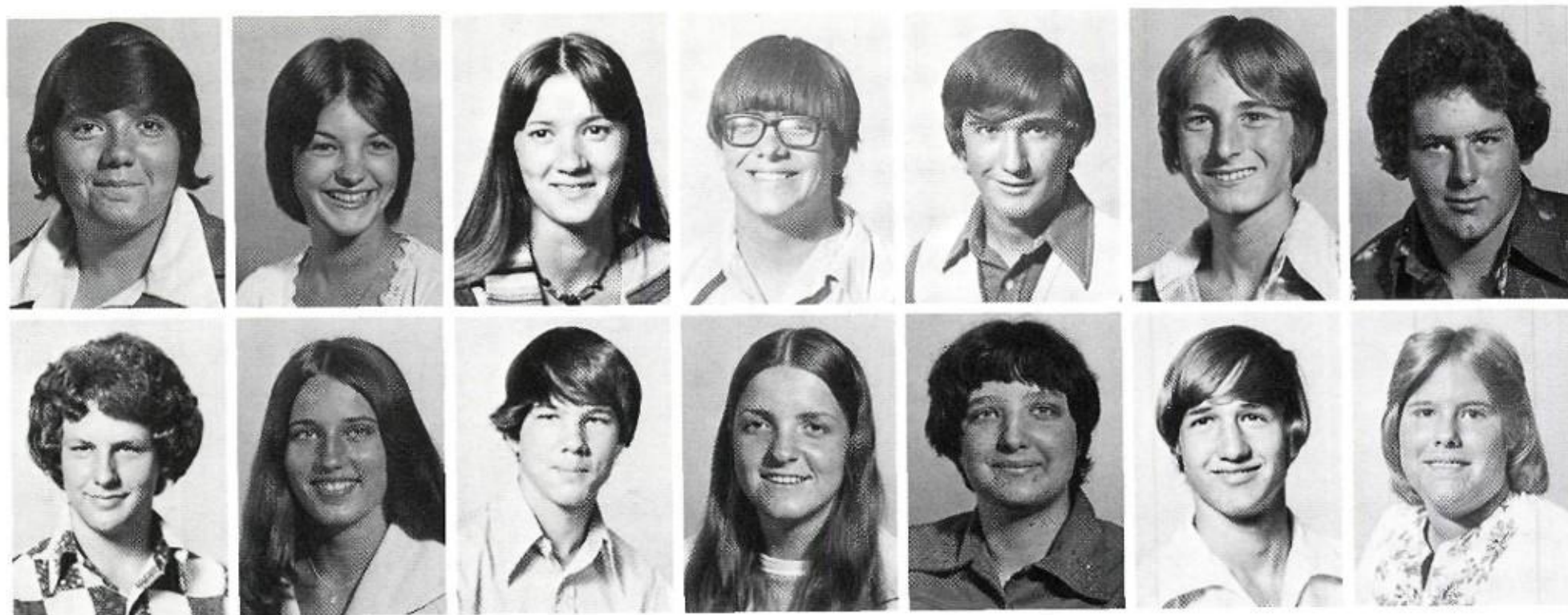


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 5 -- Blaine Littleton, Joe Lloyd, Keith Longhorn, Doug Love, Alan Lytle, Phillip McCray, Jeff McCloud. ROW
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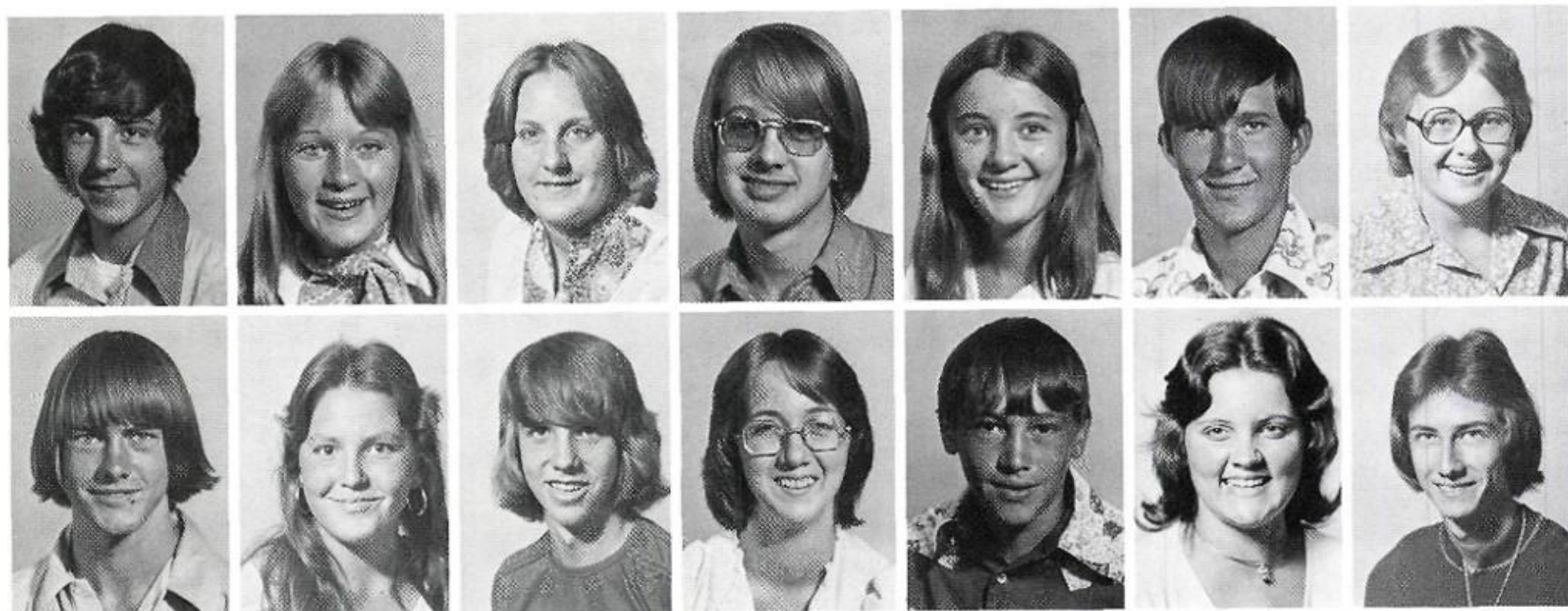


"I WILL STUDY AND GET
 READY, AND PERHAPS
 MY CHANCE WILL COME. "

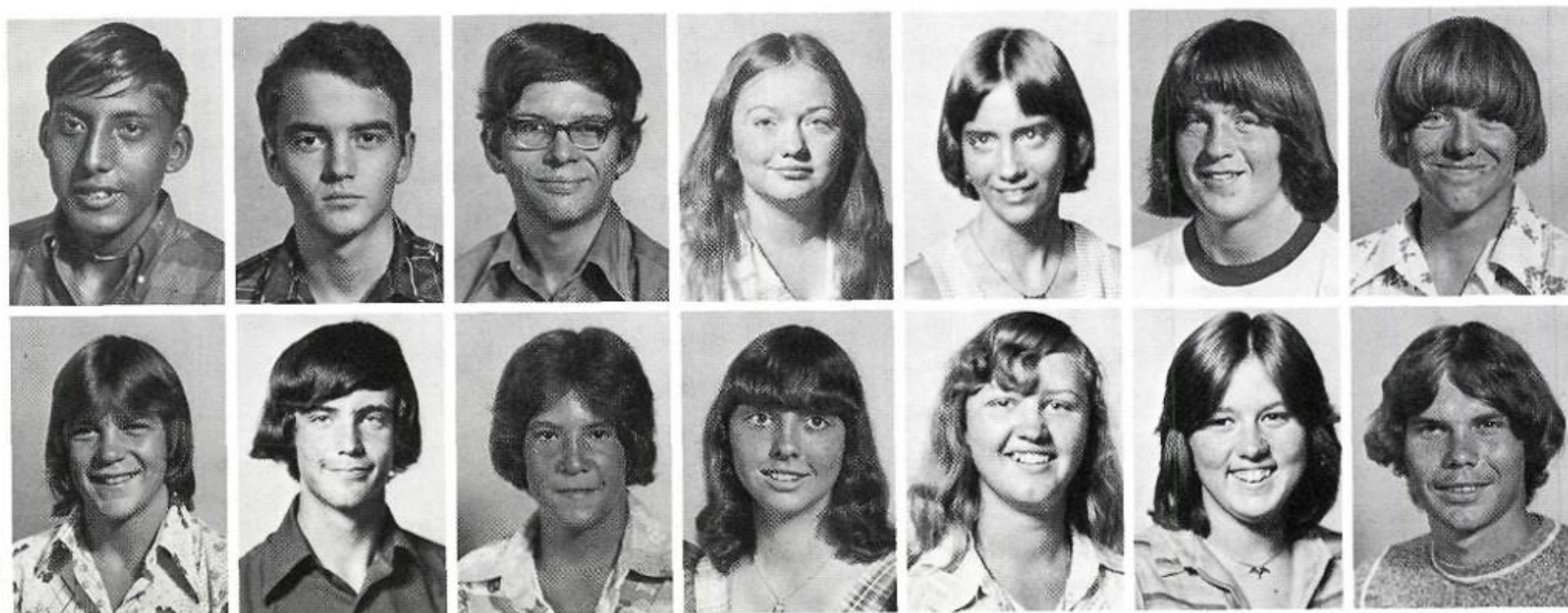
-- Abraham Lincoln

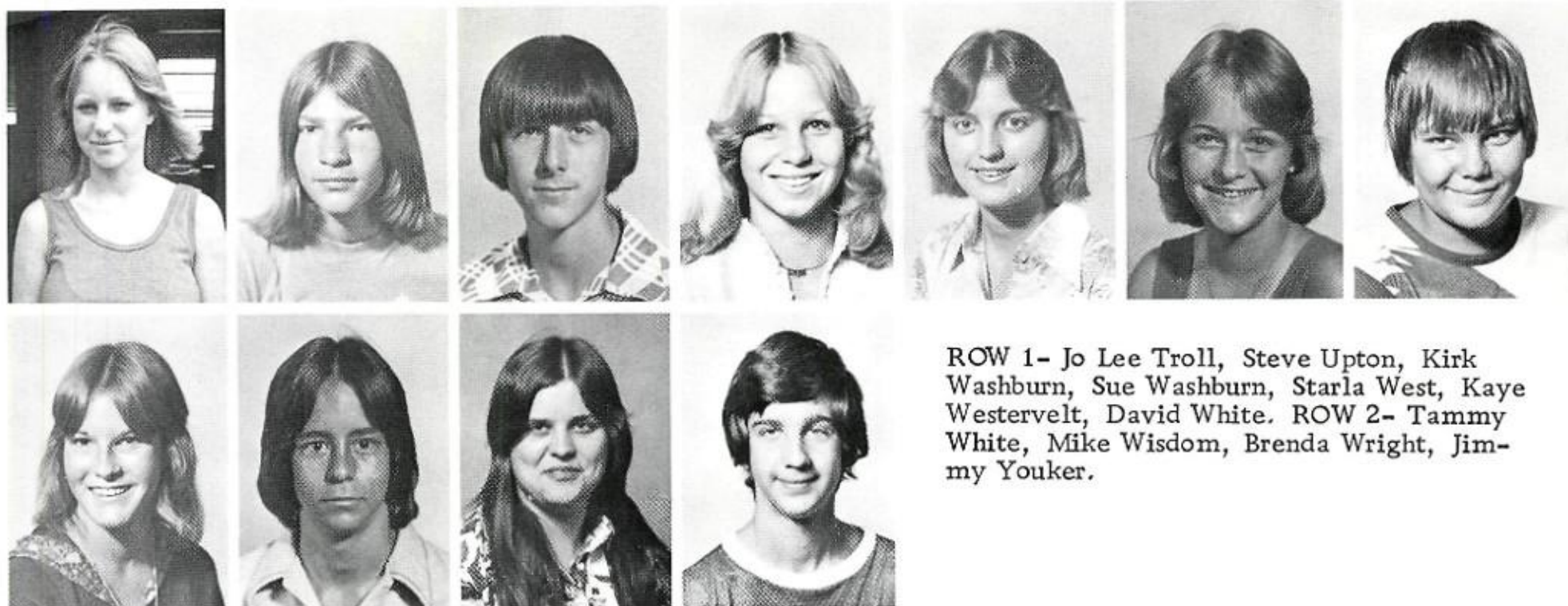


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 ROW 2 - Joel Newman, Debbie Newmaster, Karl Nix, Cheryl O'Dell, Nancy Olive, Bobby Phillips, Donna Powell.
 ROW 3 - Ronnie Price, Cathy Pruitt, Lori Reece, Kevin Reeves, Peggy Robinson, Craig Rodgers, Lori Ross.



ROW 4 - Buddy Scarberry, Tammy Scarberry, Frank Schmidtkofer, Brenda Scott, Dennis Simon, Lisa Smith, Brent Sparks.
 ROW 5 - Sam Spoon, Van Stacy, Danny Standridge, Debbie Stansell, Lorrie Stapp, Randy Starks, Tony Stone.
 ROW 6 - Van Straughan, Robin Talley, Andy Tefertiller, Mary Thornton, Connie Tipton, Sharon Trammel, Larry Trindle.





ROW 1- Jo Lee Troll, Steve Upton, Kirk Washburn, Sue Washburn, Starla West, Kaye Westervelt, David White. ROW 2- Tammy White, Mike Wisdom, Brenda Wright, Jimmy Youker.



ABOVE: Andy Tefertiller the Great???????
BELOW: The perfect Class, huh!!!!

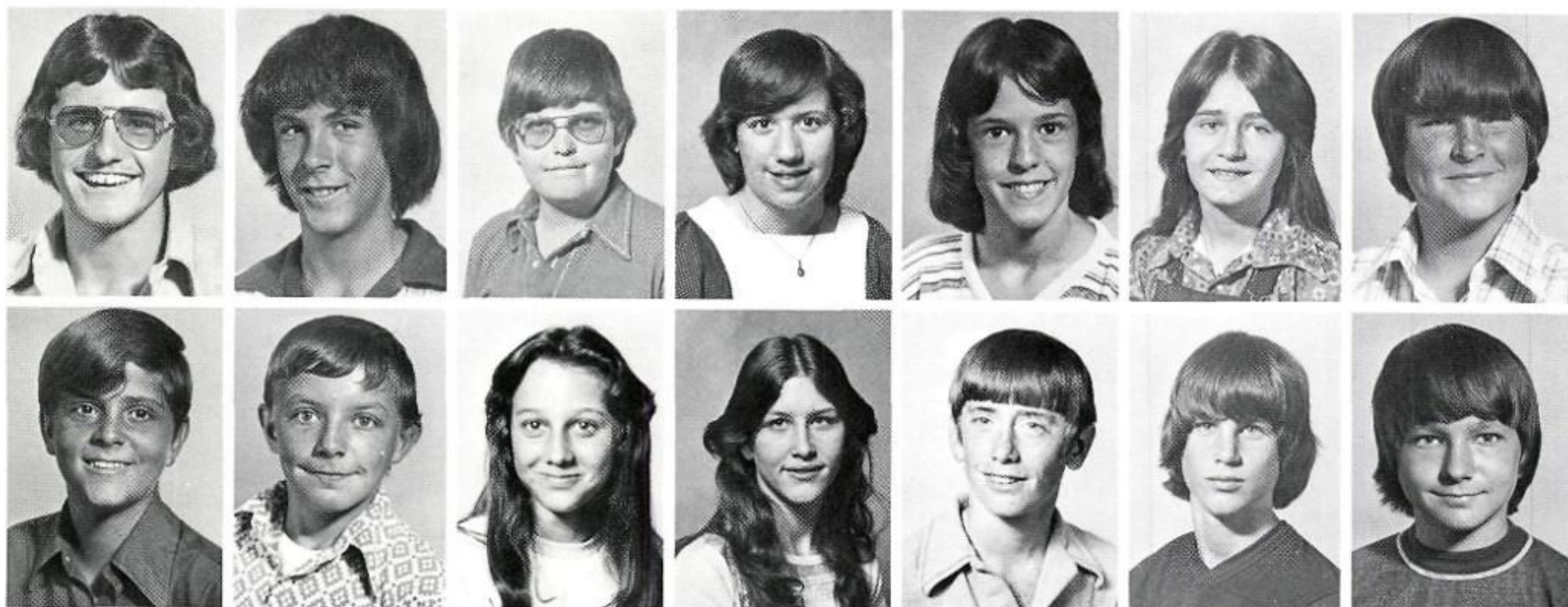
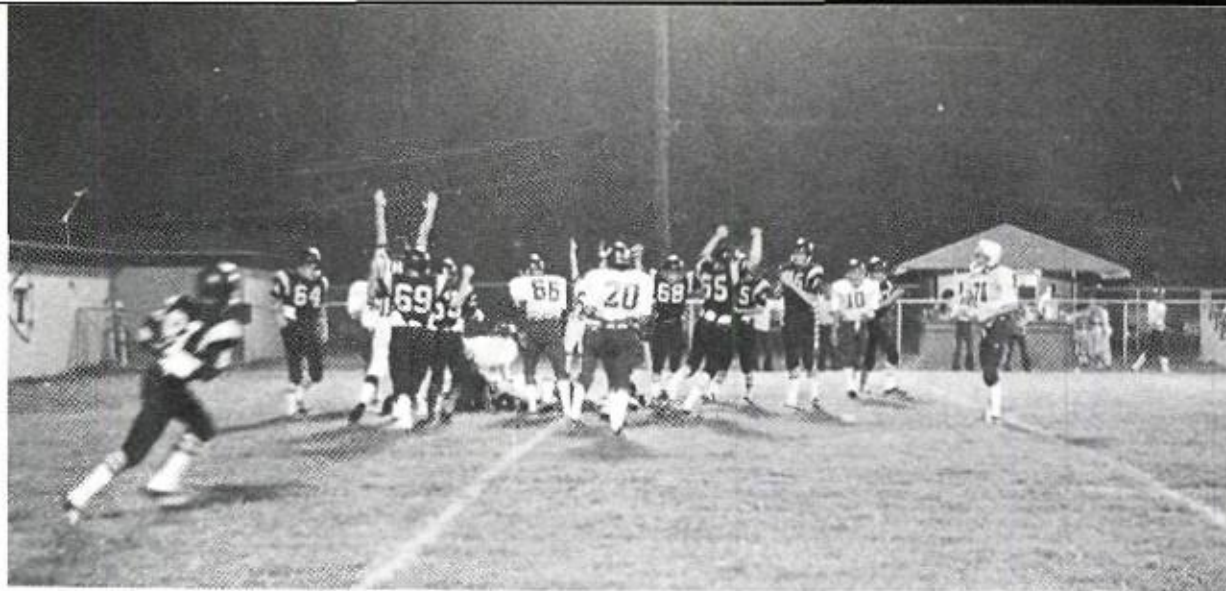


ABOVE: Mr. Shultz helps Michelle pose for the camera.
BELOW: "Why are you taking my picture?????"

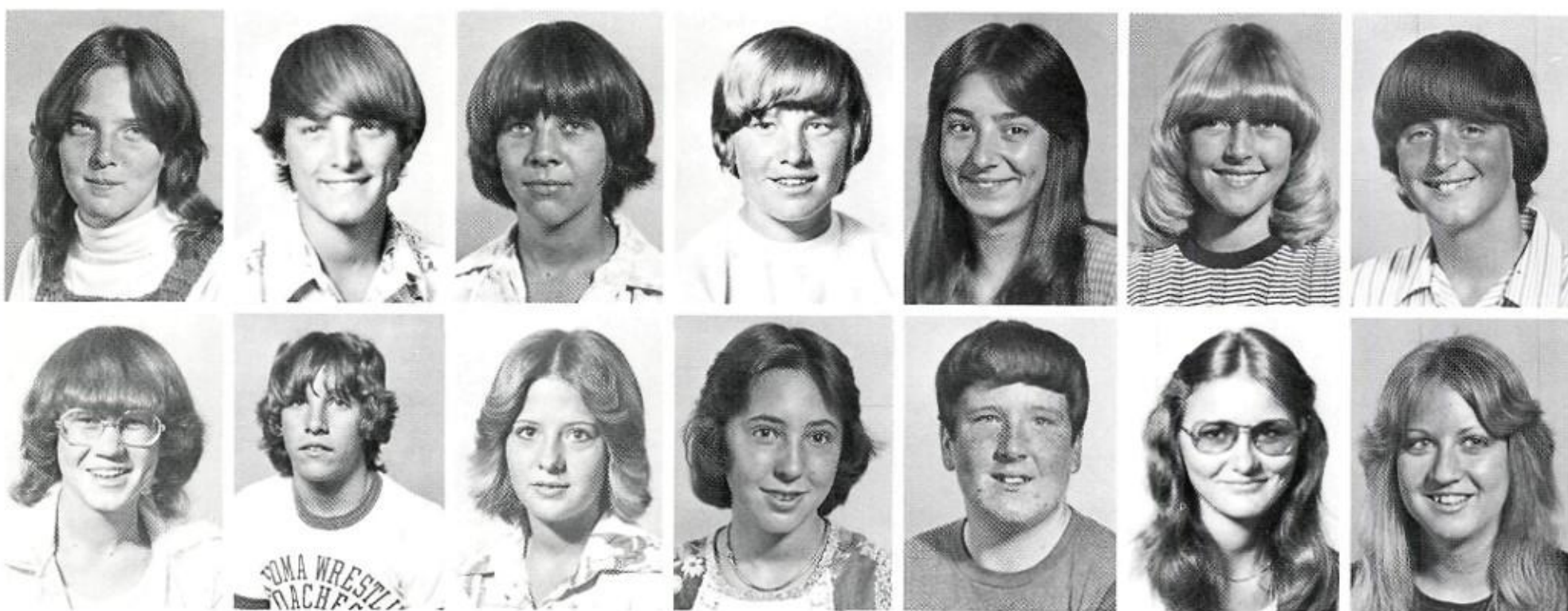


FRESHMEN

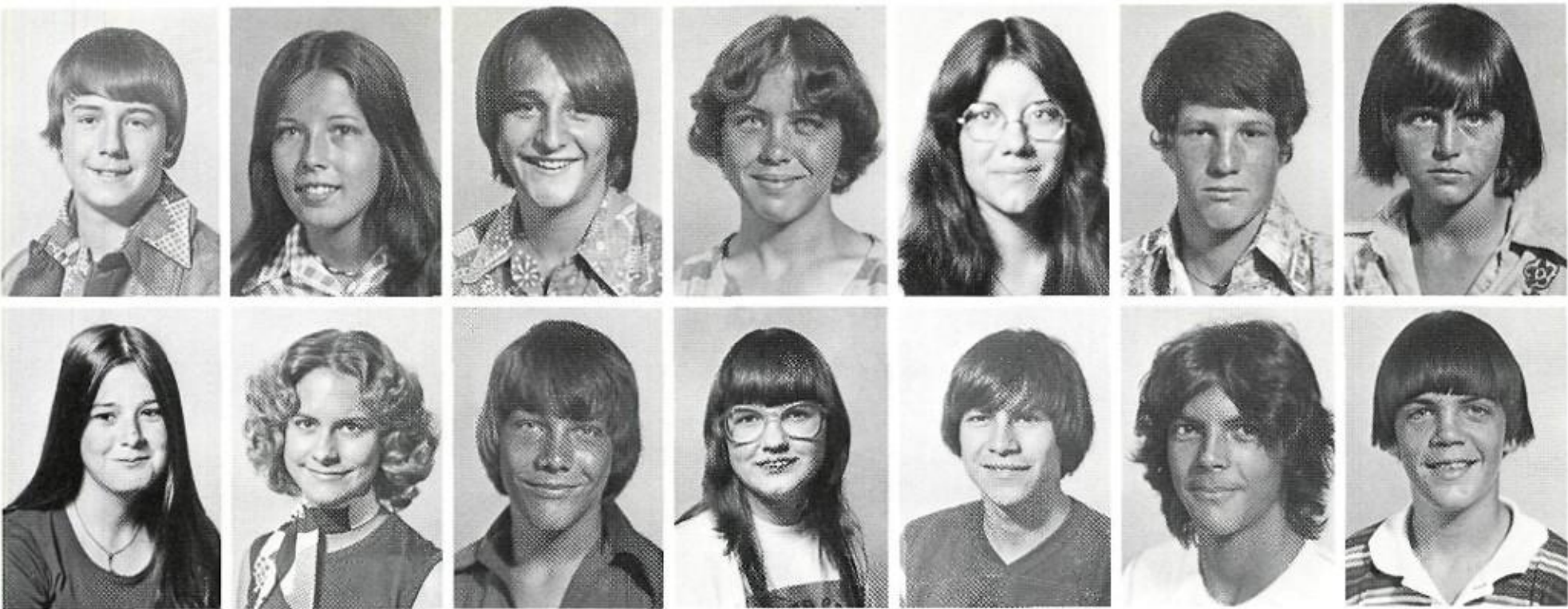
Right, there's nothing like a touchdown to get freshmen excited! We had a "funderful" year every day.



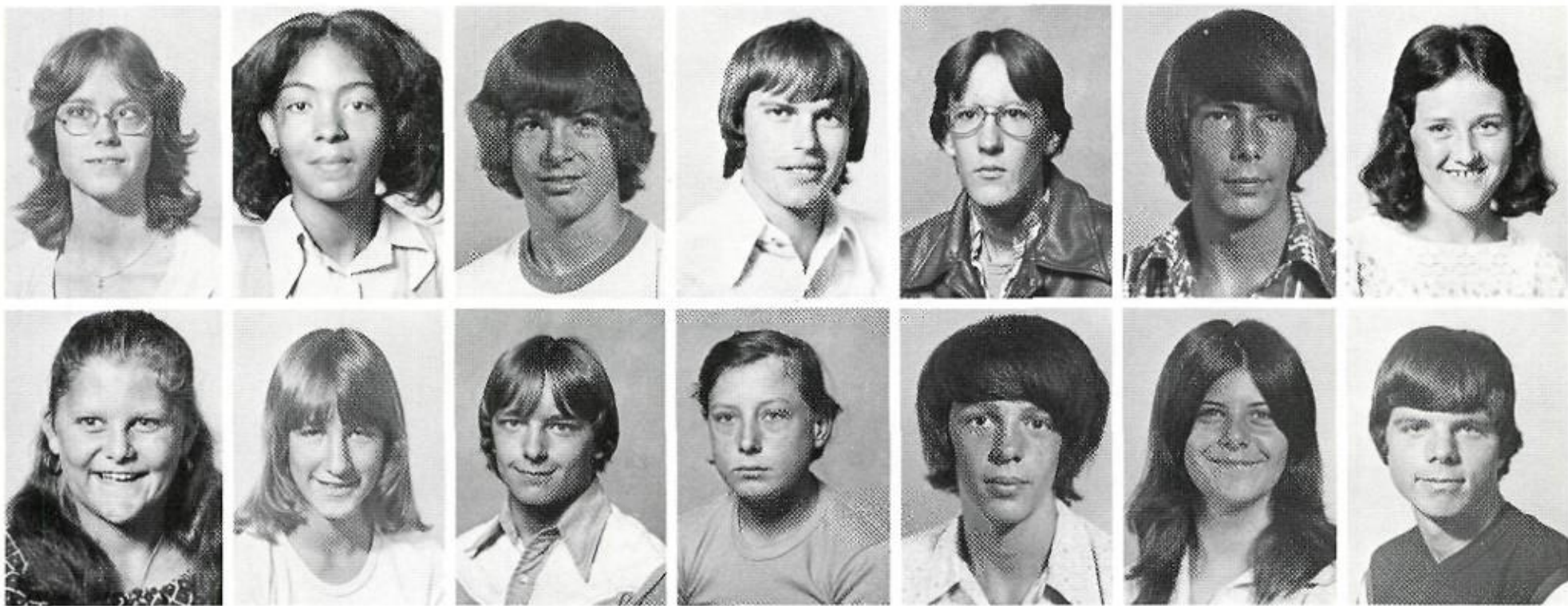
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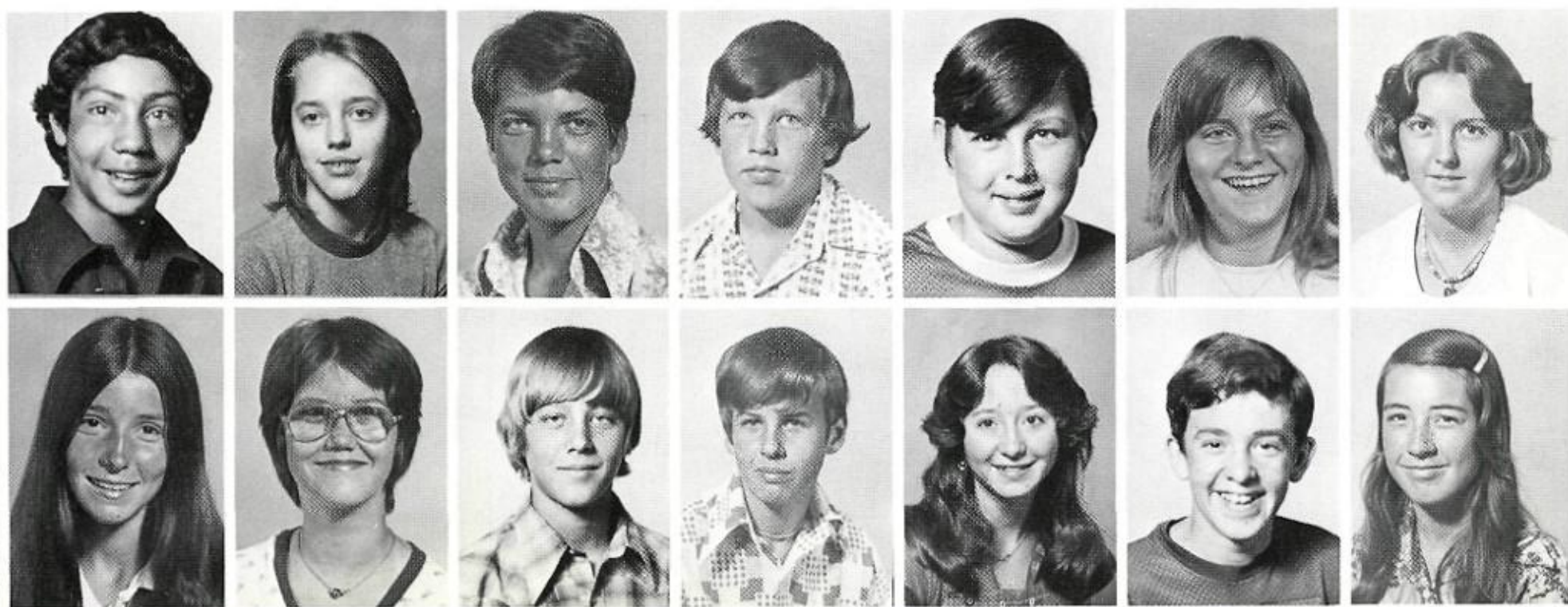
ROW 3 - Barbara Buckley, Billy Buckley, Billy Buckmaster, Mike Buckmaster, Connie Burton, Tracey Bussey, Jeff Cahill. ROW 4 - Arlene Caskey, Danny Childers, Dayna Clemens, Cindy Cooper, Kenneth Cooper, Pamela Cope-land, Gloria Cospers.



ROW 1 - Jay Cranford, Jackie Daniell, Danny Daniels, Loretta Deal, Diane Dennis, Rick Dossey, Mitch Ealey.
 ROW 2 - Kaye Elliott, Trudy Ellison, Jimmy Fisher, Mary Followwill, Clark Gallaher, Gary Garcia, Glen Gentry
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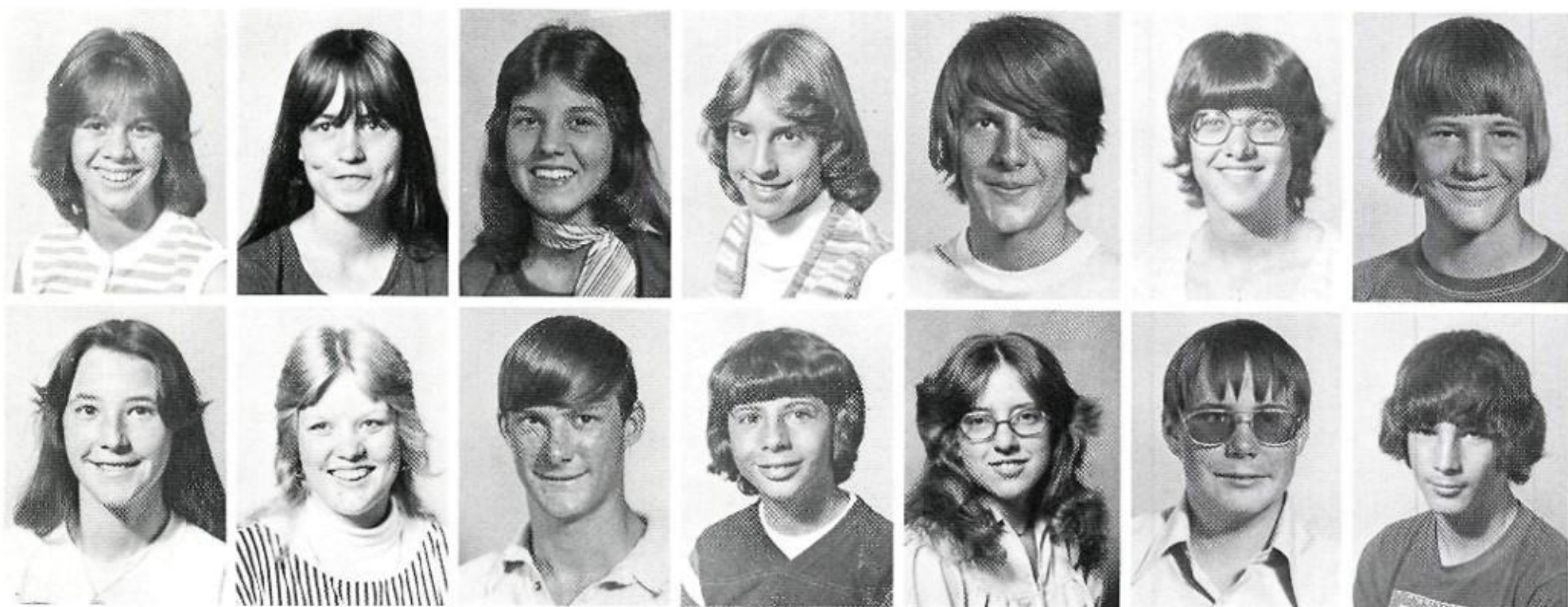


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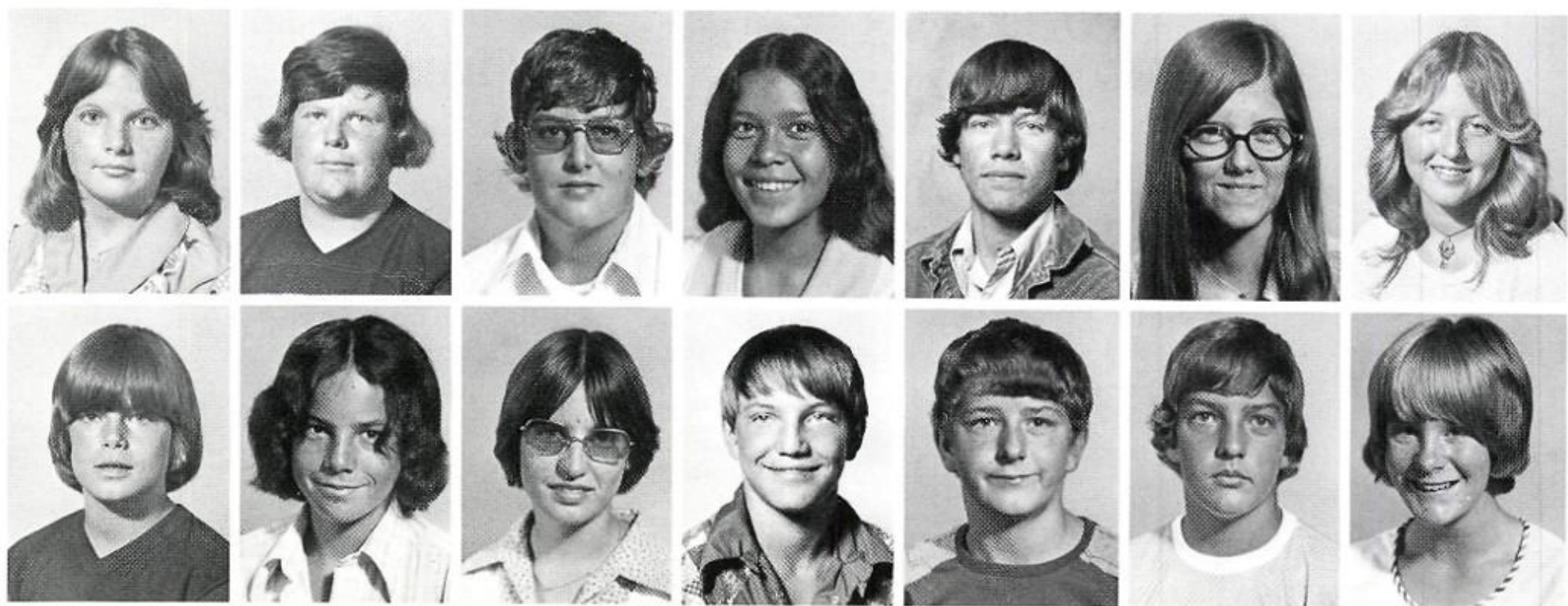


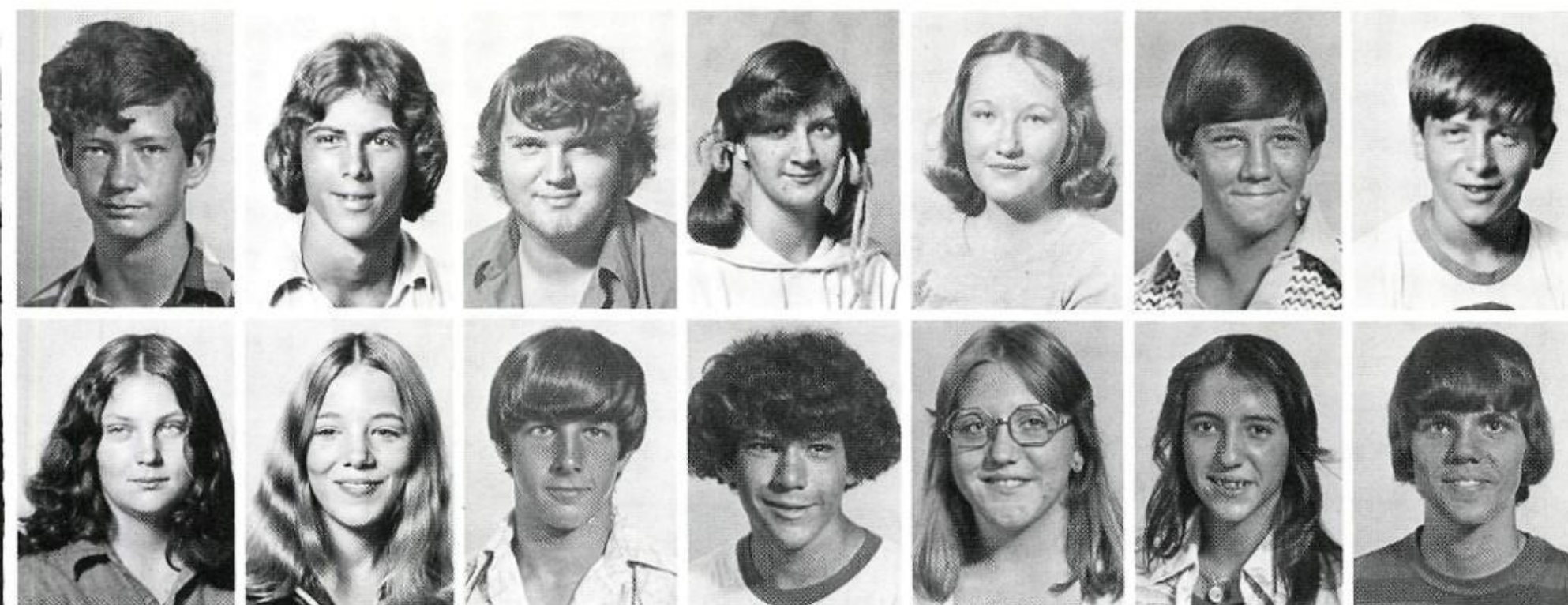


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 ROW 2 - Angel Lee, Sheryl Little, Ricky Little Axe, Dana Loveless, Ricky Lyle, Bobby McLaughlin, David Mc-
 Sperritt.
 ROW 3 - Leslie Magdalena, Christie Mangus, Tamara Mankin, Beverly Monday, Joe Moody, Roxanne Morris,
 Neal Motley.

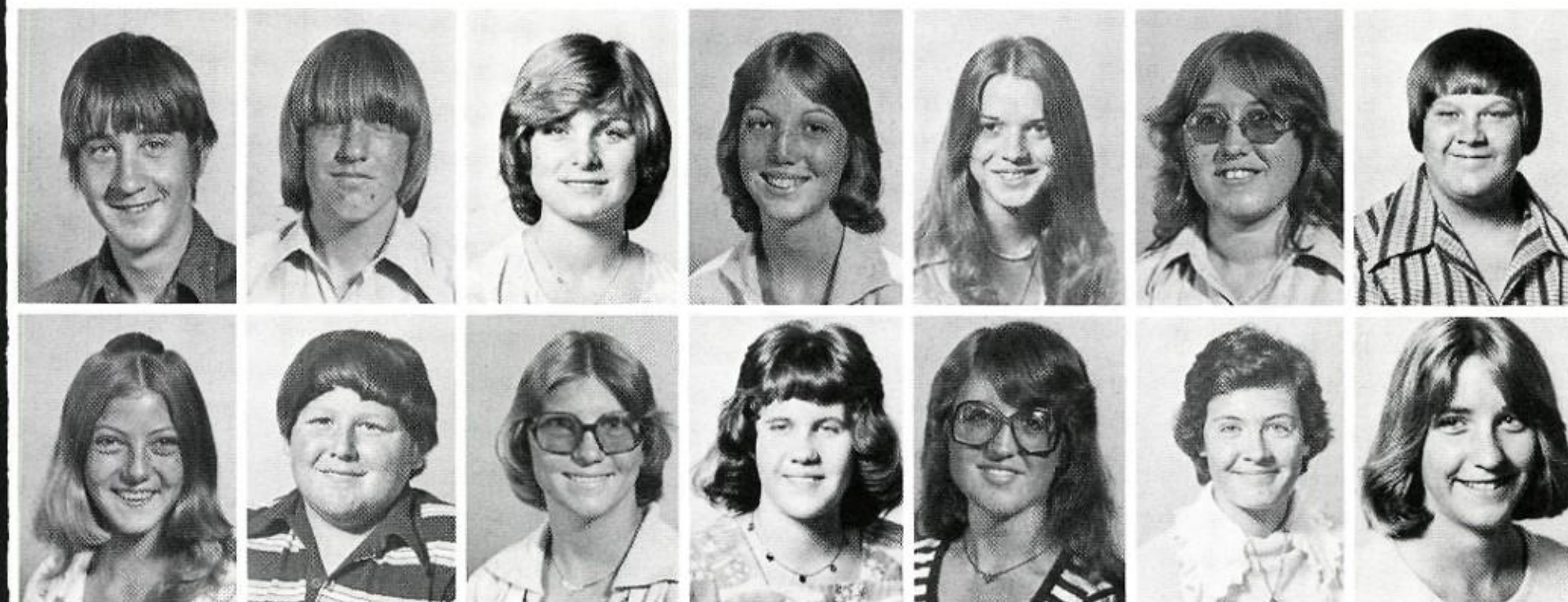


ROW 4- Pam Moudy, Cindy Murray, Jon Murray, Bobby Nowlin, Sue Oliver, Jim Owens, Mark Pool.
 ROW 5 - Brenda Pruitt, David Qualls, Jack Reece, Doris Reed, John Reed, Lisa Richards, Gina Ritter.
 ROW 6 - Neil Roberson, David Robinson, Patti Roller, Jimmy Seals, Ricky Seawright, Richard Schon, Sandra
 Shackelford.





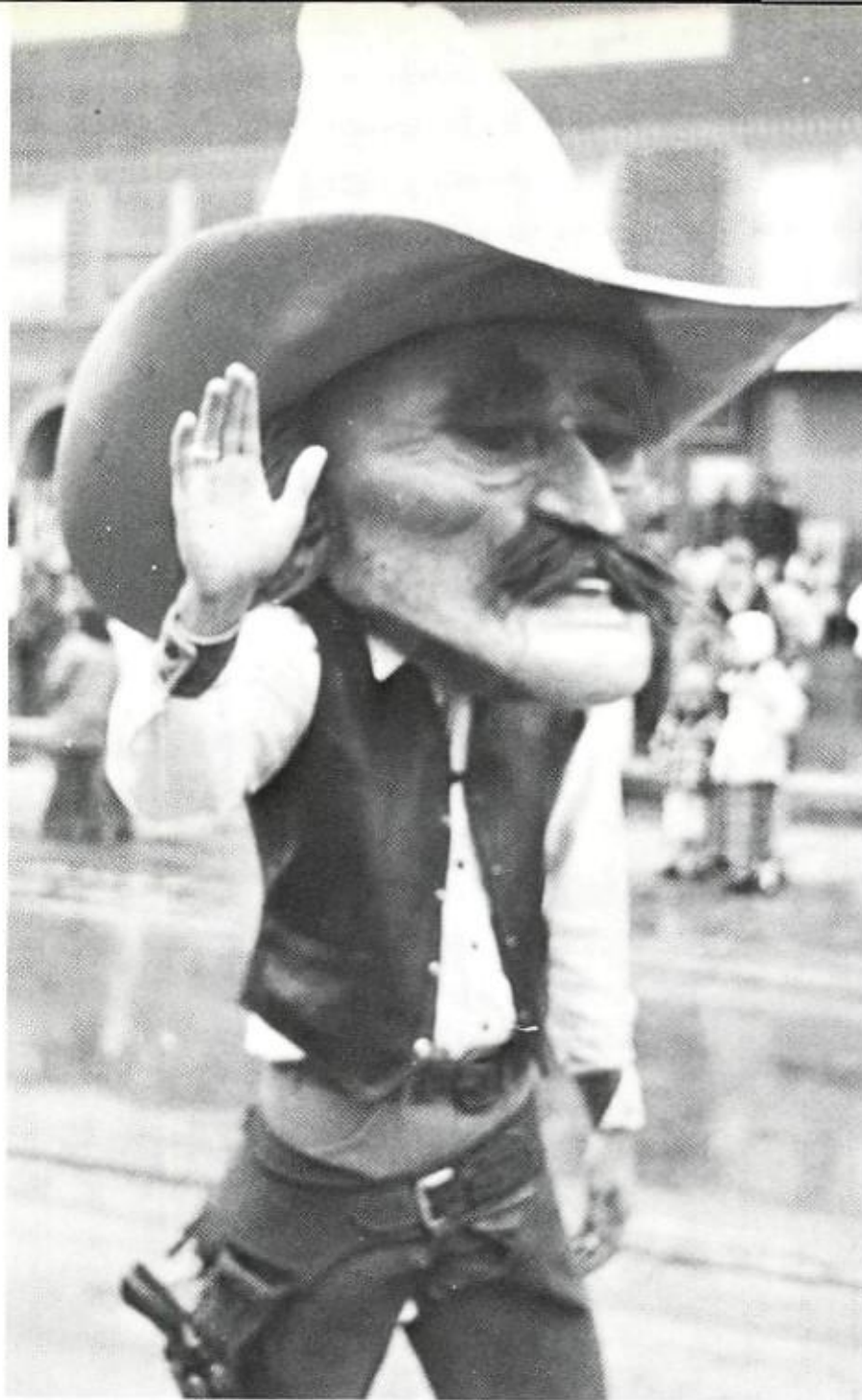
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 ROW 2 - Melinda Strutton, Debbie Tate, Todd Tate, Ronnie Taylor, Linda Thomas, Pam Thomas, Dennis Thompson.



ROW 3 - Jeff Thompson, David Tomlinson, Marsha Townsend, Phyllis Trice, Denise Trindle, Cindy Tully, Jeff Van Arnam.
 ROW 4 - Lannie Walker, Timmy Washburn, Brooke Webster, Kathy West, Sherri White, Barbara Winfrey, Mary Wisdom.



ROW 5 - Steve Wood, Robin Woodbury, Jimmy Wright, Mike Zuker.



OSU's "Pistol Pete" was in town for Xmas parade.

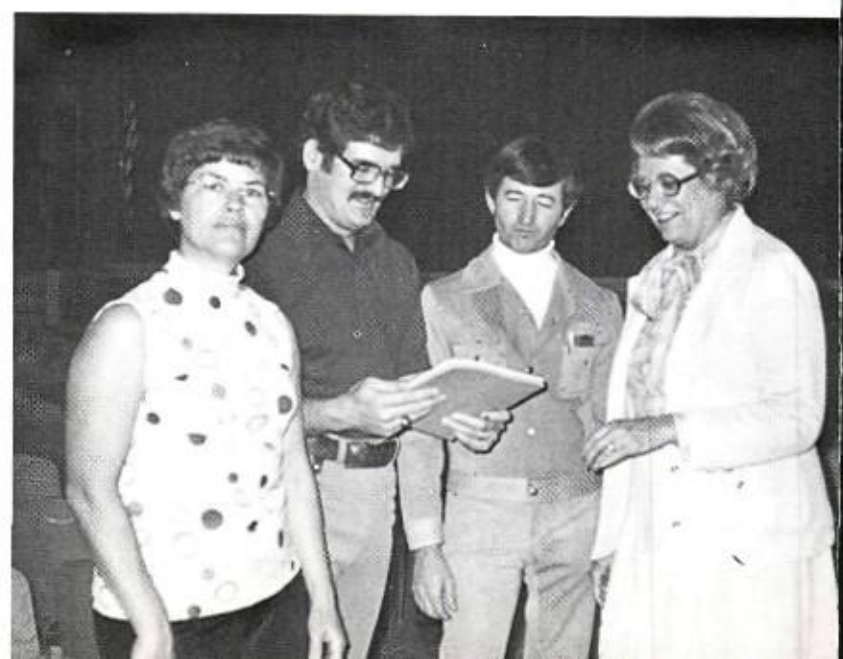
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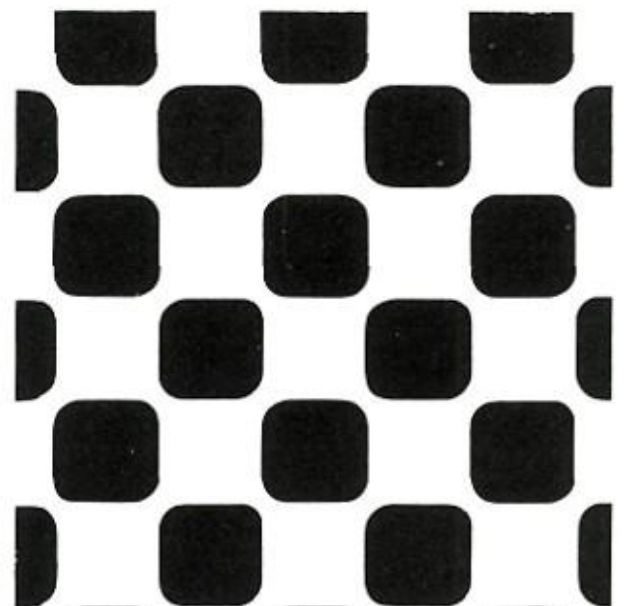
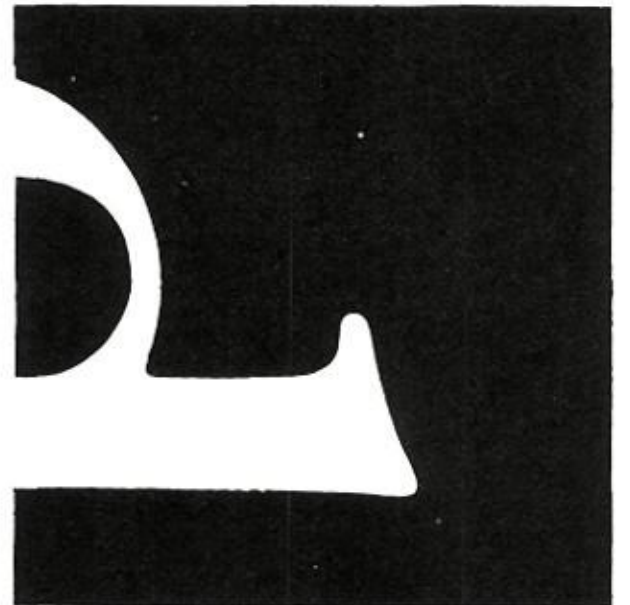
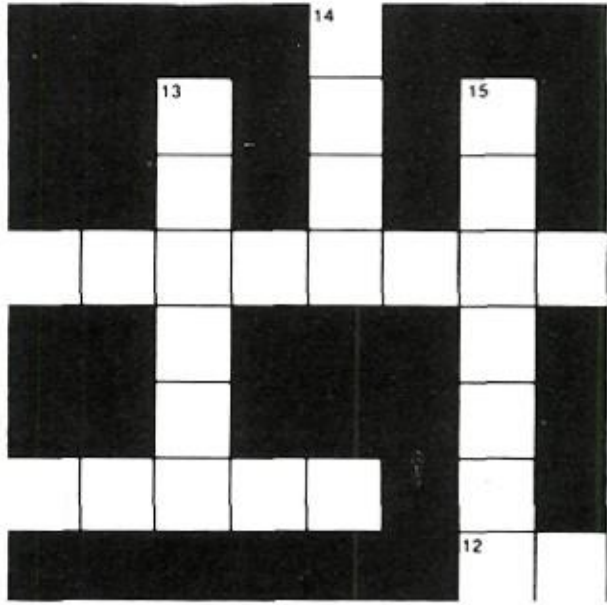
In April, some of OU's elite All-American football players played a benefit game at Tecumseh's gym for Federation of Christian Athletes fund.



ABOVE, a familiar sight each school day about 3:37 p.m. School is out and huge busses line up to haul hundreds of students home in the sprawling Tecumseh School District. MIDDLE RIGHT, two coeds kneel on hallway floor to construct pep club sign, while RIGHT, Tecumseh Association of Classroom/((TACT) officers discuss educational business with state officers at Tecumseh meeting. LEFT TO RIGHT are Marjorie Bingham, president-elect, President Wayne Copeland, OEA Uniserv Rep. Jim West, and OEA State President Wanda Felkner.

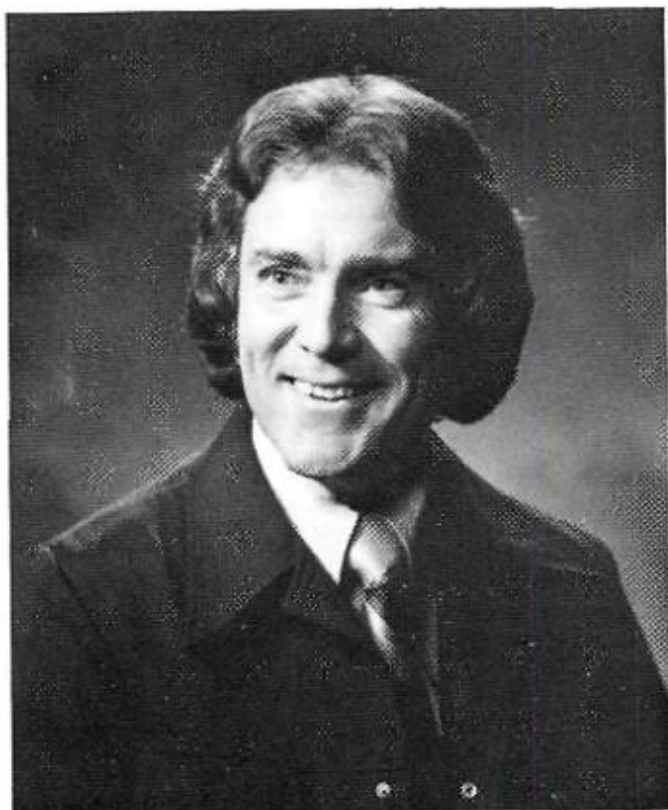


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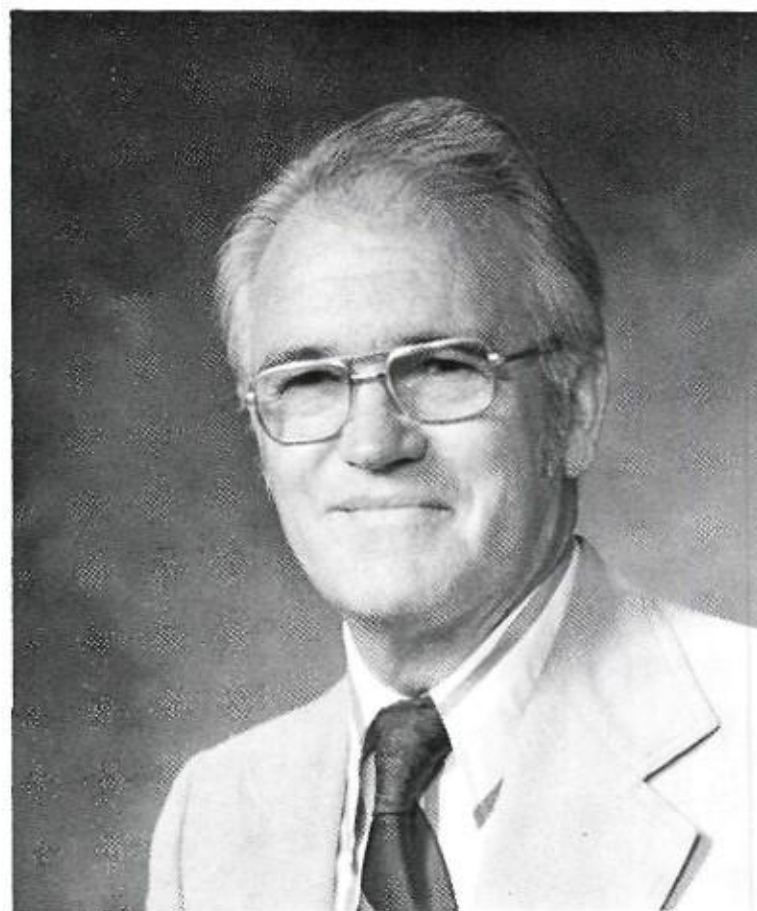
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JIM MYERS

SUPERINTENDENT



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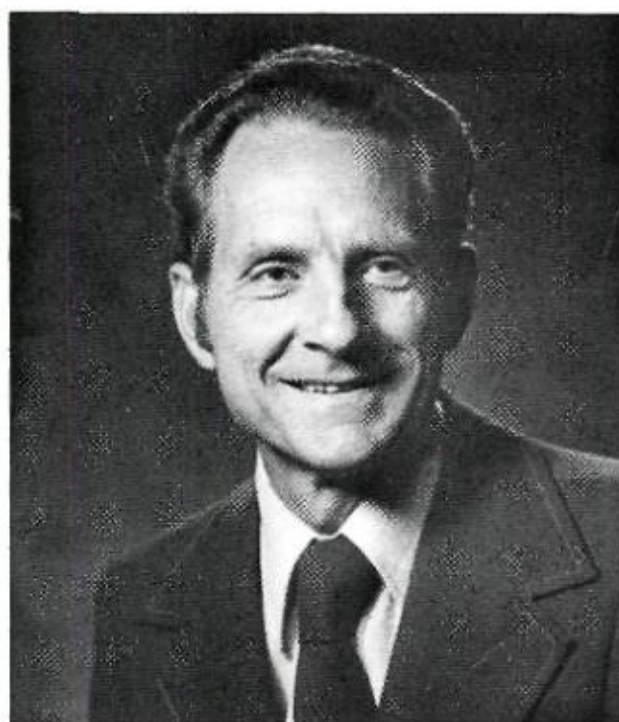
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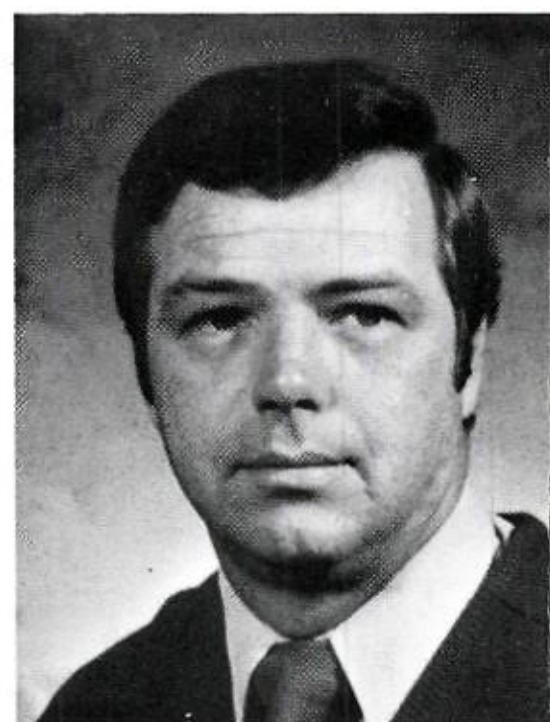
CLETA
JOHNSON



MARY
REED



JIM MIHURA



RON McCLURE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Continuing their strong policy of every student obtaining a quality education, members of the Tecumseh Board of Education worked long and hard at solving and overcoming problems in running a large school system. Pictured, left to right, Jim Pritchard, Darrell Coker, William "Bill" Straughan (president), Lonnie Hurst (clerk), and Jesse McCullar.



THE FACULTY



Willard Anderson
General Science
Math



Robert Avery
Algebra
Basketball



Stan Beesley
Amer. Hist.,
Guidance
Psychology

David Benn
Drama
English

Darrell Bradshaw
P. E., English

Sydney Casey
Typing, Shorthand

Ruth Chlouber
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Counselor



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Vocal Music



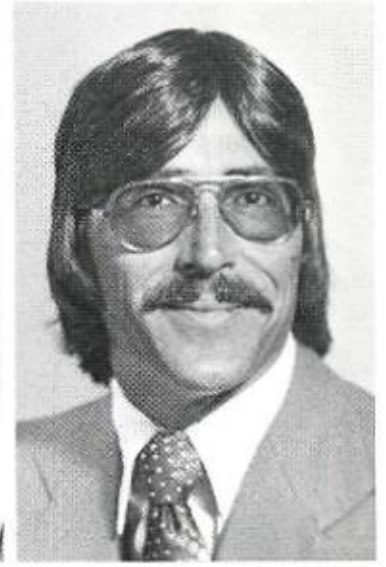
Charles Dudley
Amer. Hist., Drivers
Ed. Basketball



Arlene Gilbride
Librarian



Sandy Hampton
Secretary



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Librarian



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Drivers Ed.



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Arts and Crafts



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English



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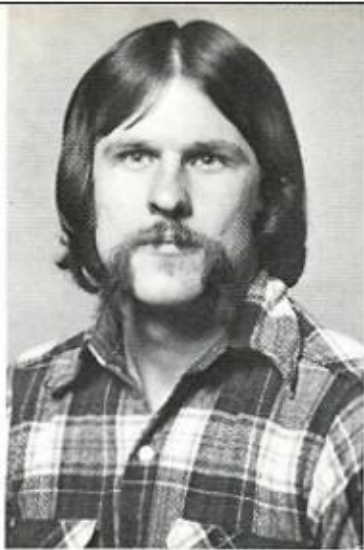


Donald Lawson
Algebra I, II
Geometry





Clyde Ruth McDonald
Home Economics



Ed Mekush
Special Ed.
Wrestling



Herbert Moring
Band



J. R. Murray
Amer. Hist.
Football



Rita Northworthy
English

Bobby Parkinson
General Science
Biology

Ken Praytor
Special Ed.
Wrestling

Rosalie Price
English

Mike Robinson
Baseball

Rick Shelby
F.F.A.
Agriculture



Larry Smith
F.F.A.
Agriculture



George Snider
Biology, Chemistry
Tennis



Paul Sternberger
Football,
Amer. Hist.



Franklin Talley
Yearbook



Bruce Walck
Sociology, P. E.



Virginia Weir
Math I and II
Algebra



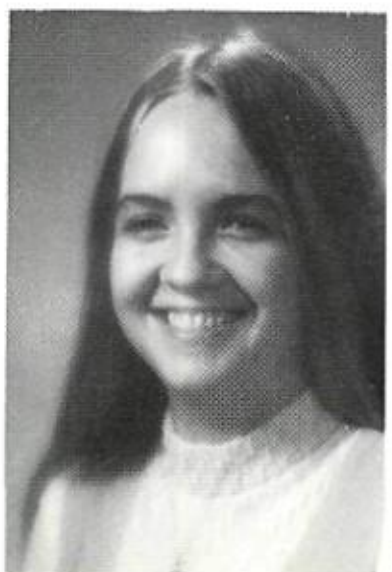
Darrell Whittington
Okla. Hist., Civics



Darryl Wilsie
Woodworking,
Drafting



Kathleen Wolf
Spanish



JUNIOR HIGH FACULTY



Dorthye Boyd
Geography



Lee Brown
Science

Marvin Brown
Custodian
Jr. High School



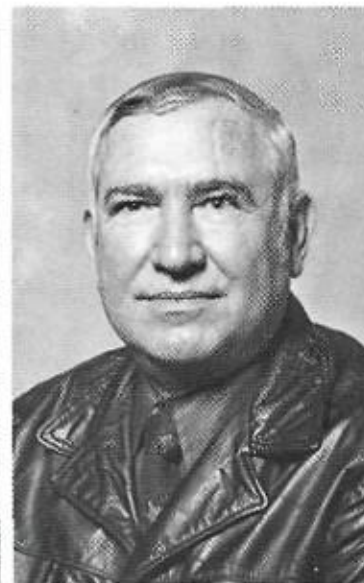
Mike Combs
Science, Football
Track



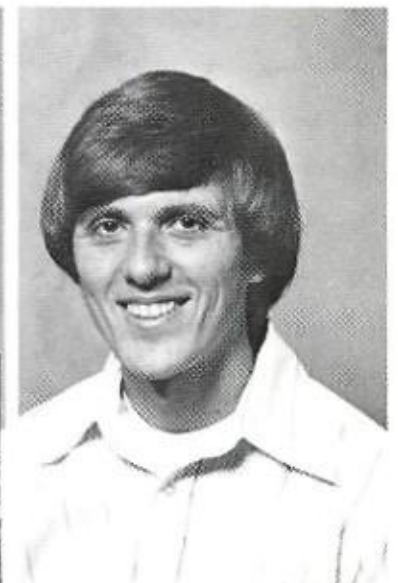
Clarence Cox
Custodian
High School



Rex Cropp
Mathematics



Kenneth Curson
History



Gay Gower
Counselor
Reading



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Teacher's Aide



Barbara Littrell
Teacher's Aide
Special Ed.



Charlene McClure
Special Office Aide



Kay McKnight
Teacher's Aide

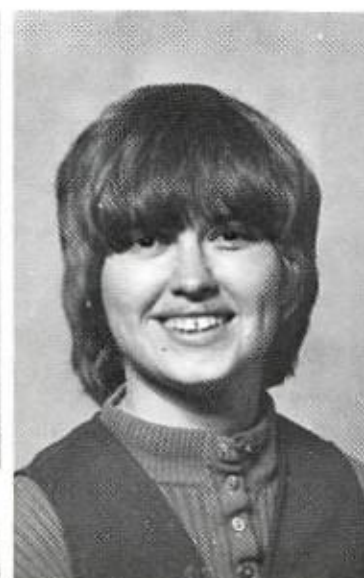
Yvonne Raney
Mathematics



Beverly Stone
English



Sue Yates
P.E., Track
Basketball



Connie Gardner
English



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation of Tecumseh Schools plays a vital part in the education process. Some 600 students are transported twice daily, plus making 150 activity trips during the school year. There are 12 routes and 12 busses. Three new busses have been added this year, with another 72-passenger bus to be added this summer. Pictured SITTING BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT, are drivers Priscilla Darby, Paul Jett, Oral Thompson. STANDING, Bill Ross, director of transportation, Randy Humphrey, George Snider, James McCalip, W. J. Jeffcoat, and Randy Huff, assistant transportation director and bus mechanic.

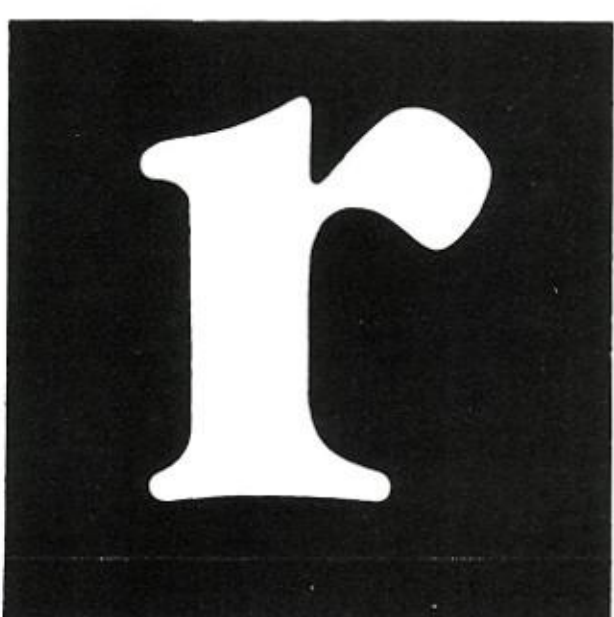
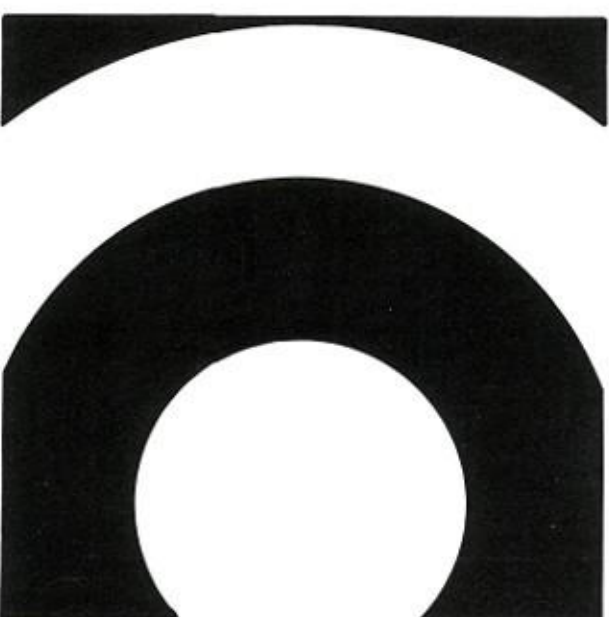
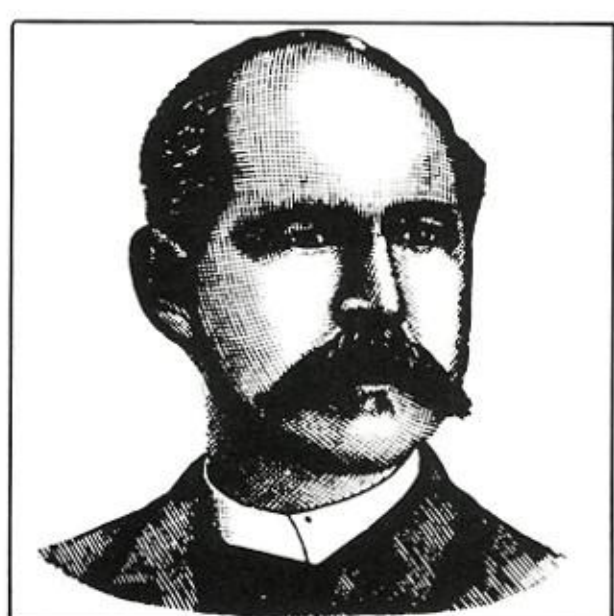
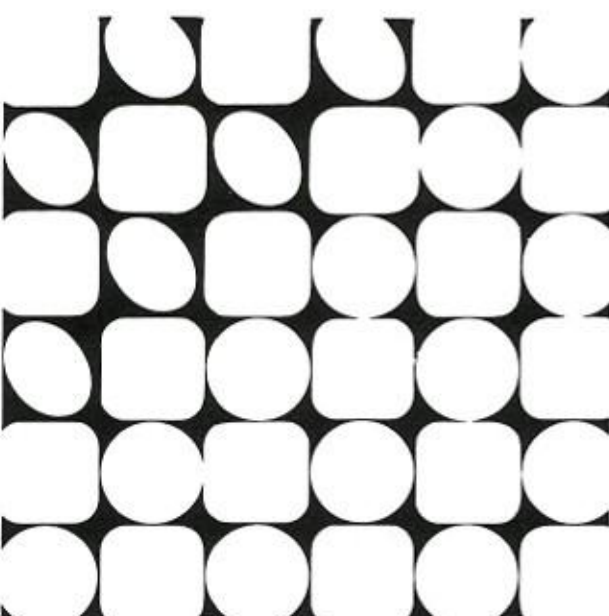
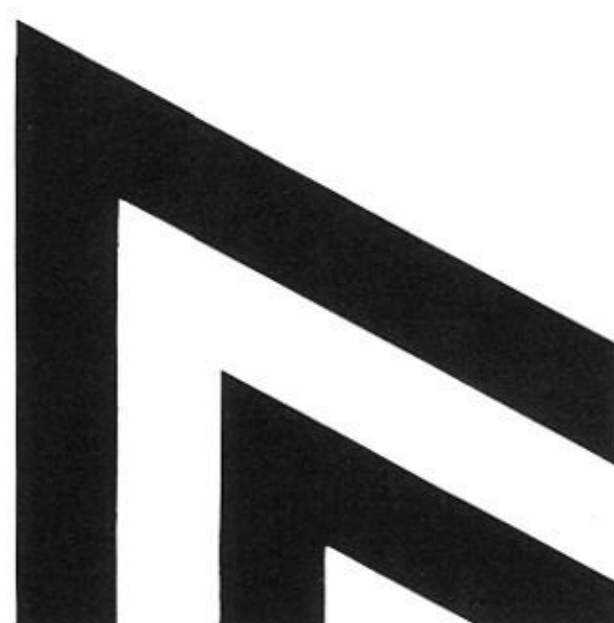
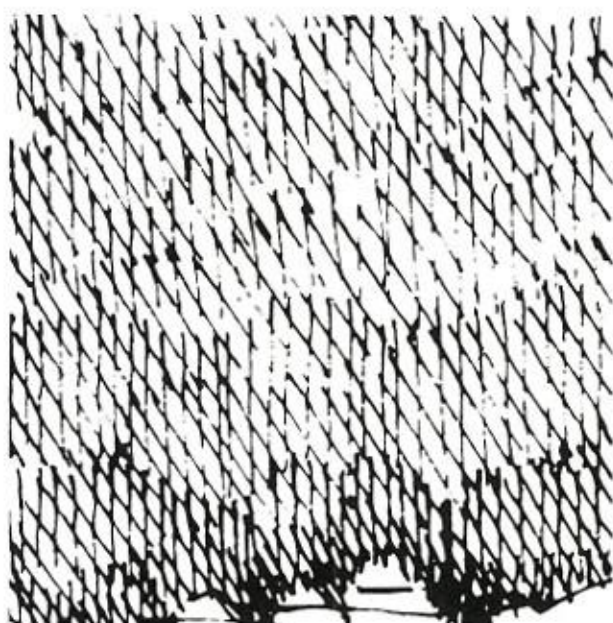


KITCHEN COOKS

Hungry students must be fed! Each day at noon, dozens of meals are prepared and served in delicious form, and always with a different menu. The dedicated ladies doing the cooking and baking are, LEFT TO RIGHT, Kay Bowen, Billie Coker, Lola Couch, Tina Stone, Carolyn Wilcox, Bertie Stockton.



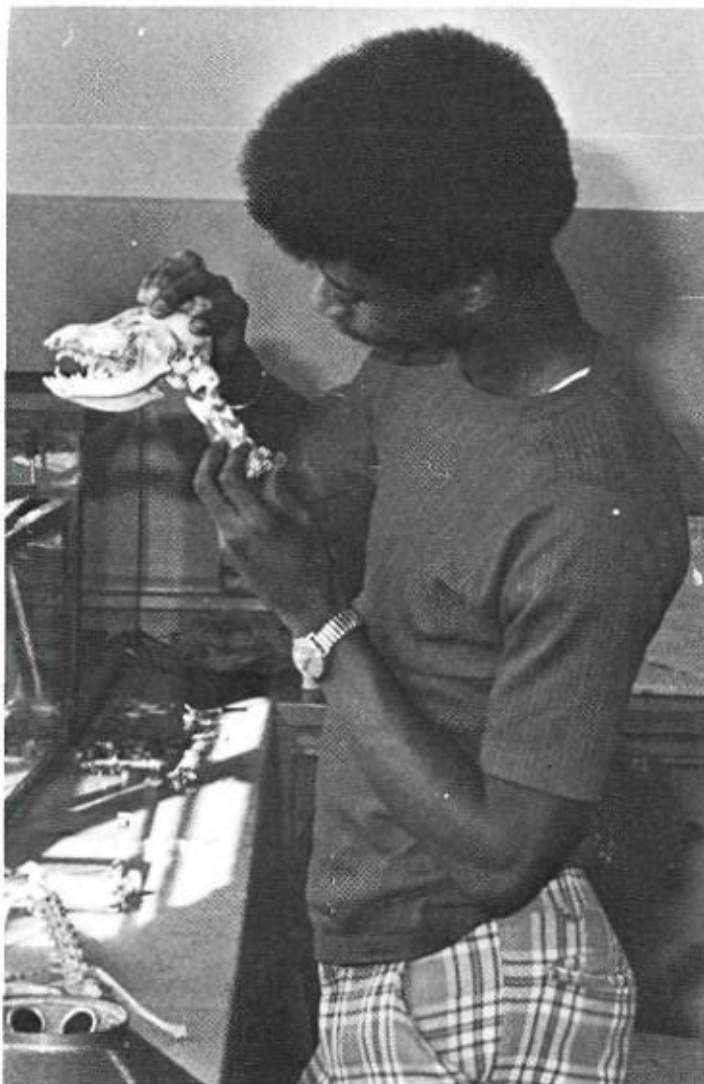
ACADEMICS





LEFT, David Brown of Mr. Wilsie's shop class, exhibits a prime example of what a little sweat and a lot of time can do for you.

RIGHT, The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. Can anyone believe this used to be a dog?

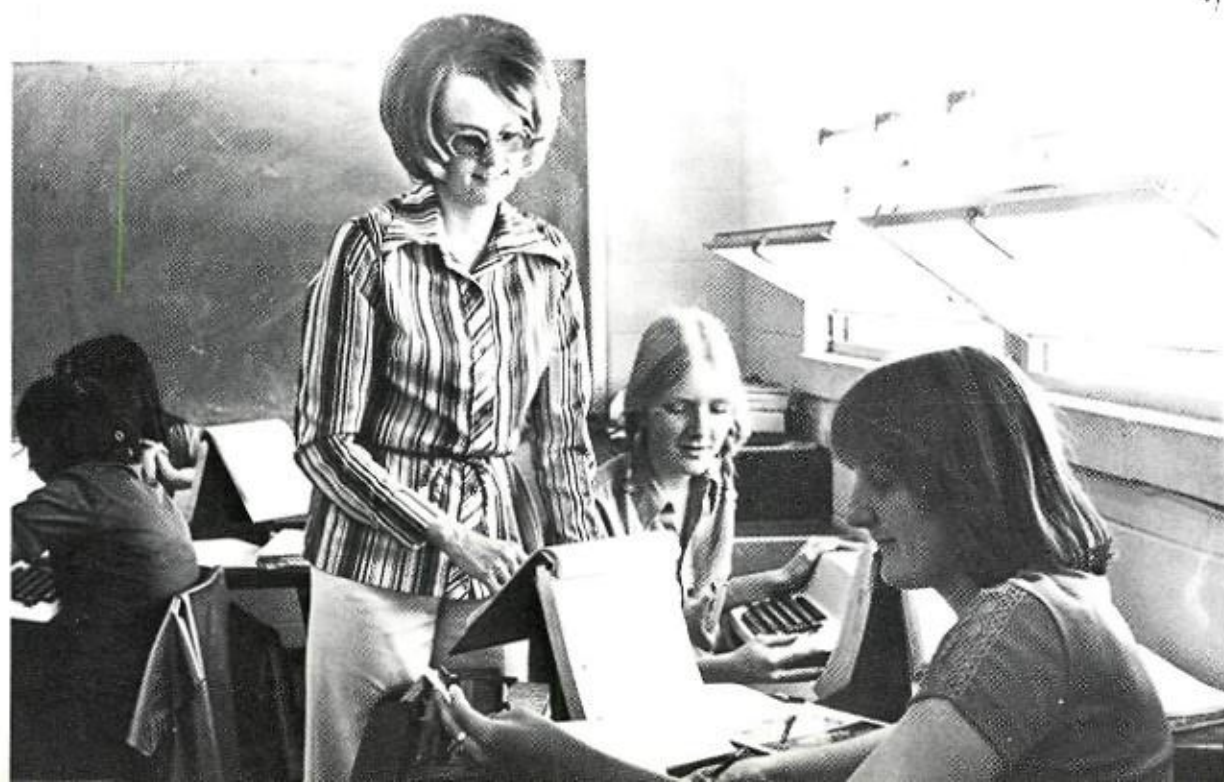
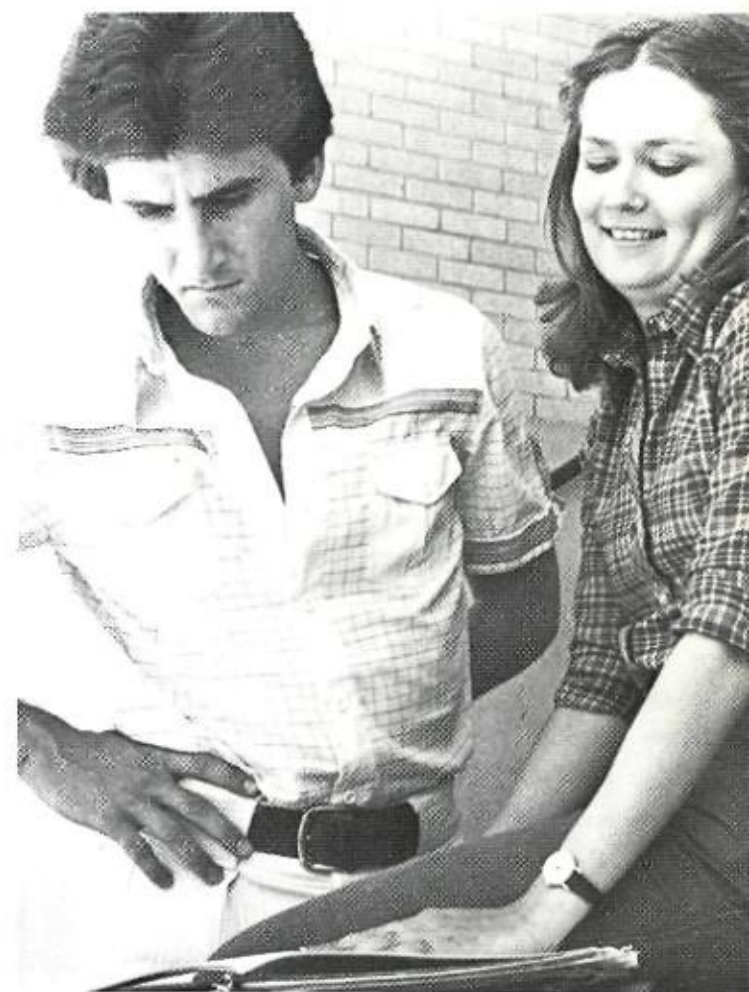


LEFT, it is the rooted instinct in men to admire what is better and more beautiful than themselves.

ABOVE, if I ever made any valuable discoveries, it has been owing more to patient attention, than to any other talent.

*A DOOR OPENS.
A BELL RINGS.
GRAY MATTER
TINGLES*

RIGHT, Mrs. Clyde Ruth McDonald, veteran home economics teacher, shows how to do an afghan to three attentive students. BELOW, Darrell Whittington checks a special map being made by Oklahoma history students, who are finding the Sooner state has one of most unique histories in the USA.



ABOVE, drama instructor David Benn goes over tomorrow's lesson plan with a student teacher from OBU to insure quality instruction. LEFT, typing teacher Mrs. Sydney Casey approves typing papers of two girl students -- who are learning secretarial skills. THS buzzes with learning activities daily.

'QUALITY EDUCATION' STRESSED AT THS

PICTURED RIGHT are THS band students who placed "Superior" and "Excellent" in the State Instrumental contest at OU. STANDING/LEFT TO RIGHT are Martha Townsend, Kevin Reeves, Dianne Dennis, Carol Essary, Robin Talley and Nancy Bridgewater. KNEELING are Lance Hargis and Mike Ealey. Not pictured are Janette Elliott and Alan Timperley. BELOW, Junior High history teacher Kenneth Curson explains how America was settled. MIDDLE RIGHT, six THS coeds solve a problem by the buzz group method.

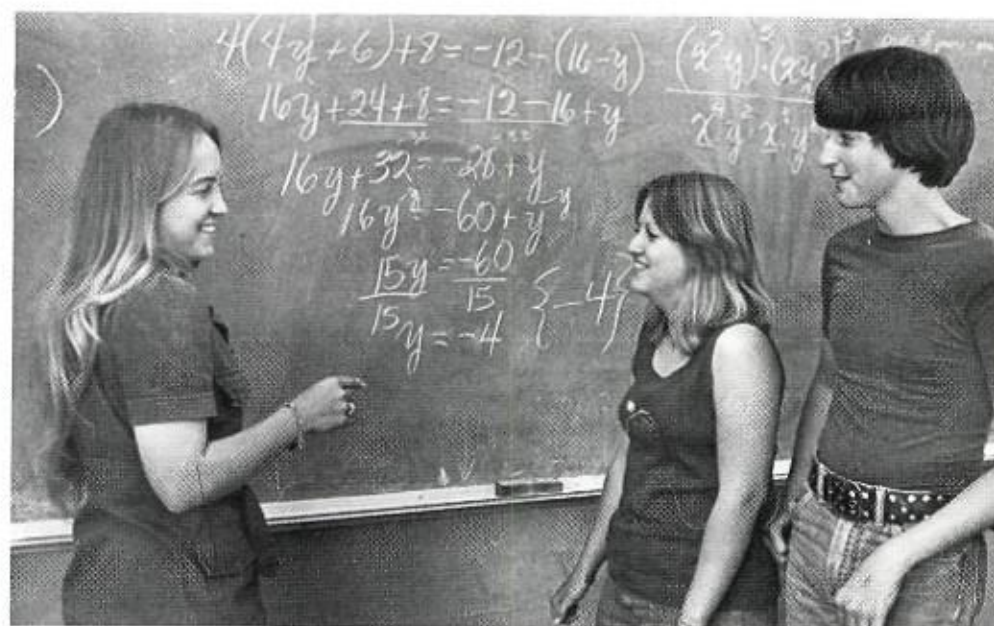


Girls are also active in FFA studies, and adviser Ricky Sehlby, BELOW, points out the fine points of raising cattle to them. RIGHT, Mr. Willard Anderson, general science teacher, fascinates students by operating a gyroscope on his desk.





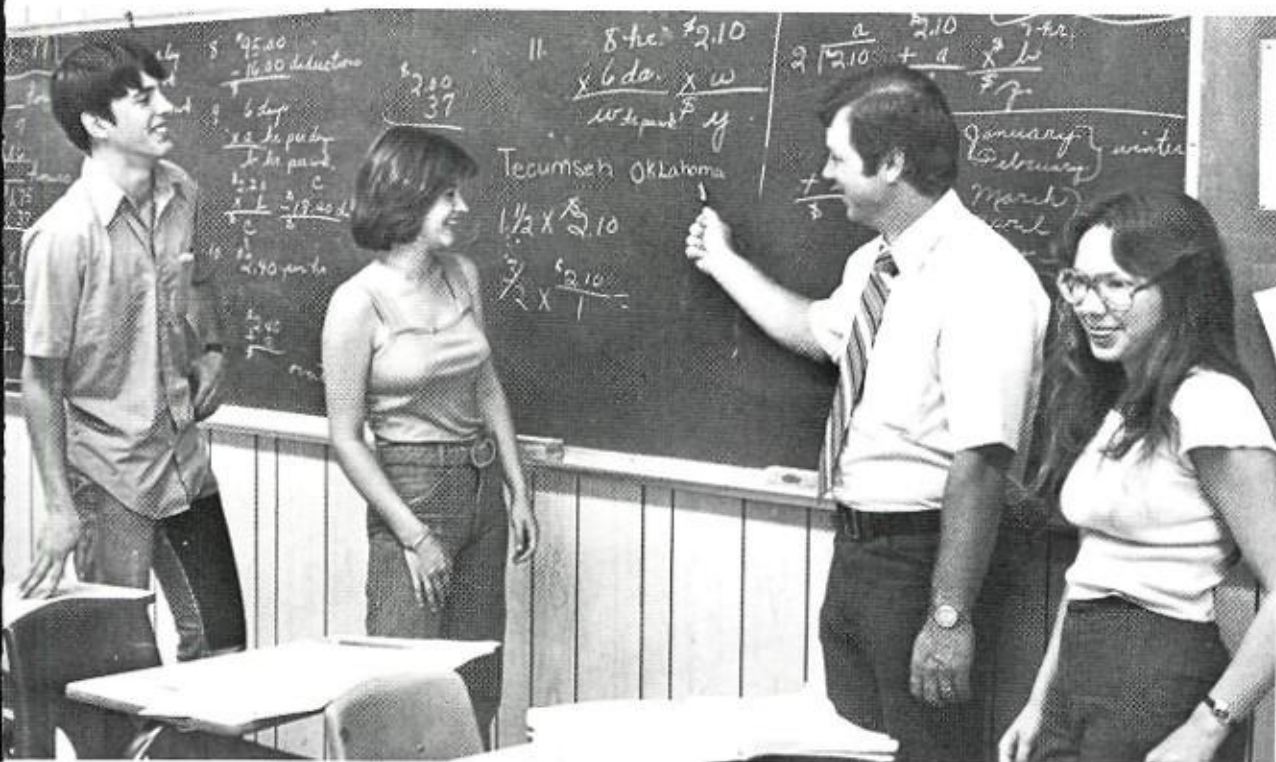
Librarians Arlene Gilbride and Jeanne Hargis check out a film strip projector.



Algebra problem frustrating? Teacher Virginia Weir explains and makes it look easy to two of her afternoon students.



RIGHT, English instructor Mrs. Beverly Kieffer seems to arouse interest of students taking her course in American short stories.



Business Law is a popular course taught by Junior High Principal Ron McClure. ABOVE, he explains to eager students how to plan a payroll. Such courses prepare young people for future jobs.

**'WE CAME TO
LEARN,
AND WE DID!'**



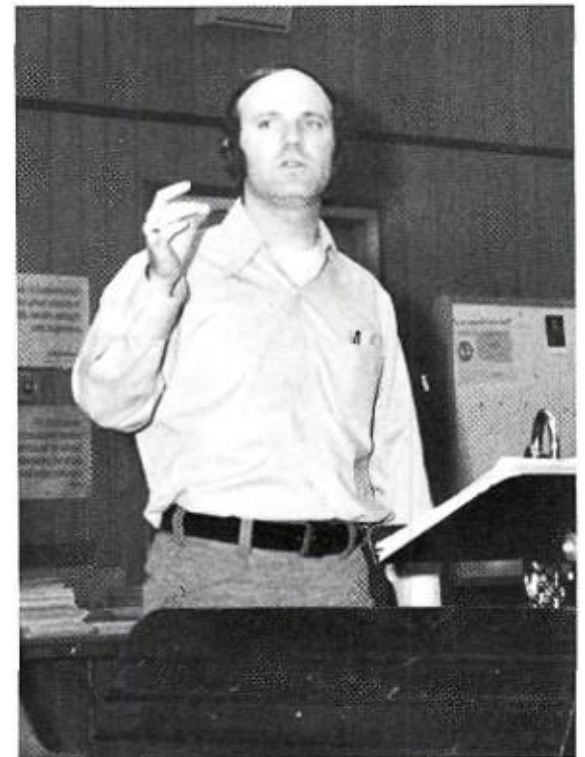


Mr. Ken Praytor and students enjoy a light moment during his special class, located in an adjacent building to THS.

COUNSELING



LEFT, Counselor Sam Cook helps student with academic problem.

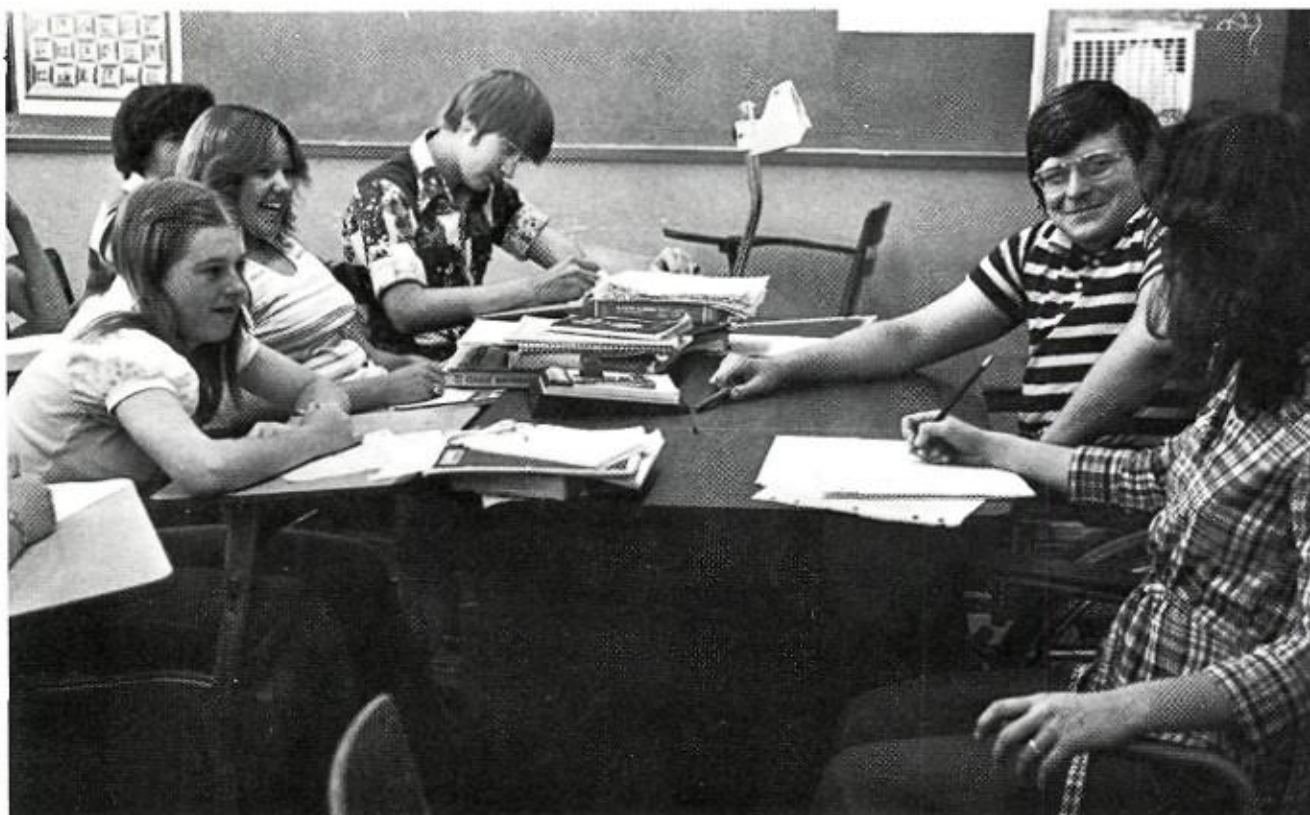


Band director Herb Moring, a stickler for details and discipline, gets attention of band students.



BELOW, Mr. Donald Lawson's casual way of teaching makes big hit in algebra and geometry classes.

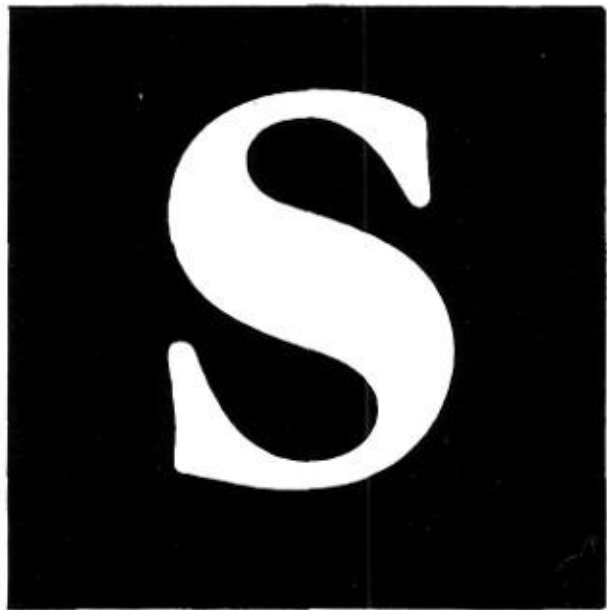
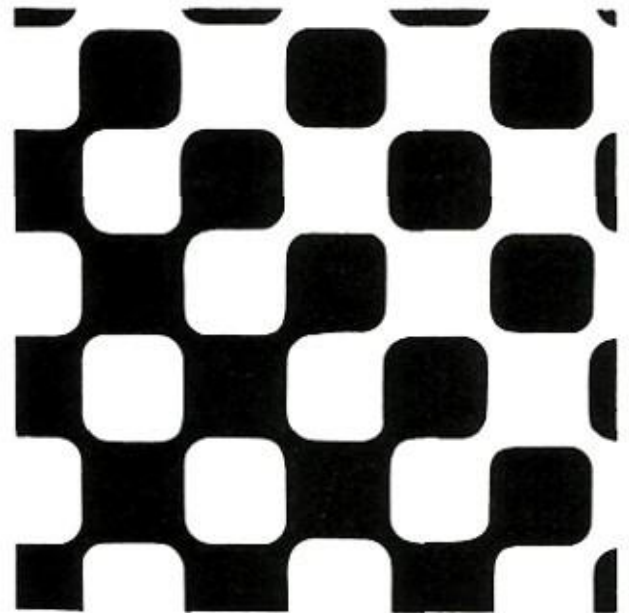
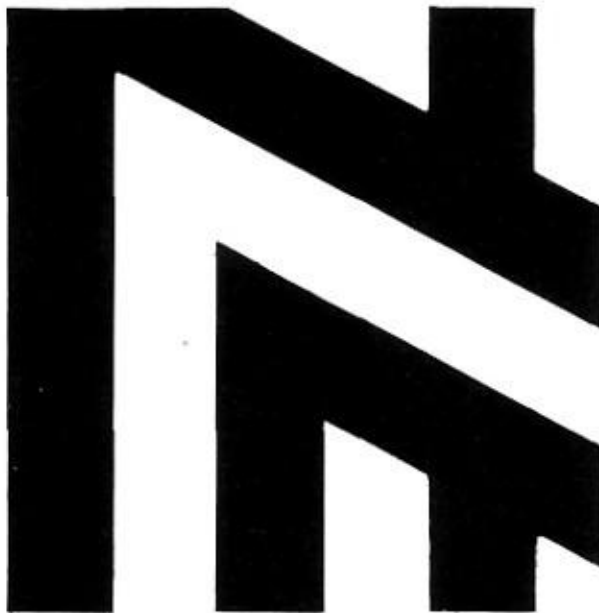
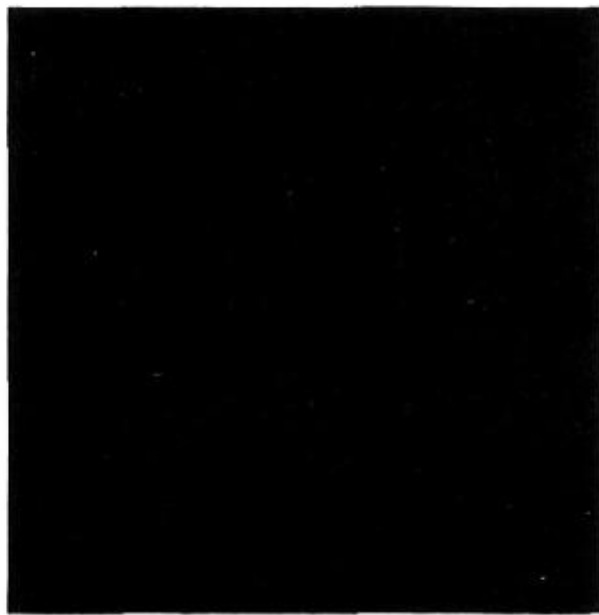
ABOVE, It's the Tecumseh Land Rush which occurs between classes! BELOW, teachers' aide Jeanne Hargis and assistant Kay Rutledge prepare tests, special papers and other materials for teachers.



TEACHERS' AIDE



ORGANIZATIONS





Staff members Editor Joe Sevy, Lori Ross, Kaye Westervelt select photographs for yearbook as another staffer prepares copy for a page.

SAVAGE YEARBOOK STAFF

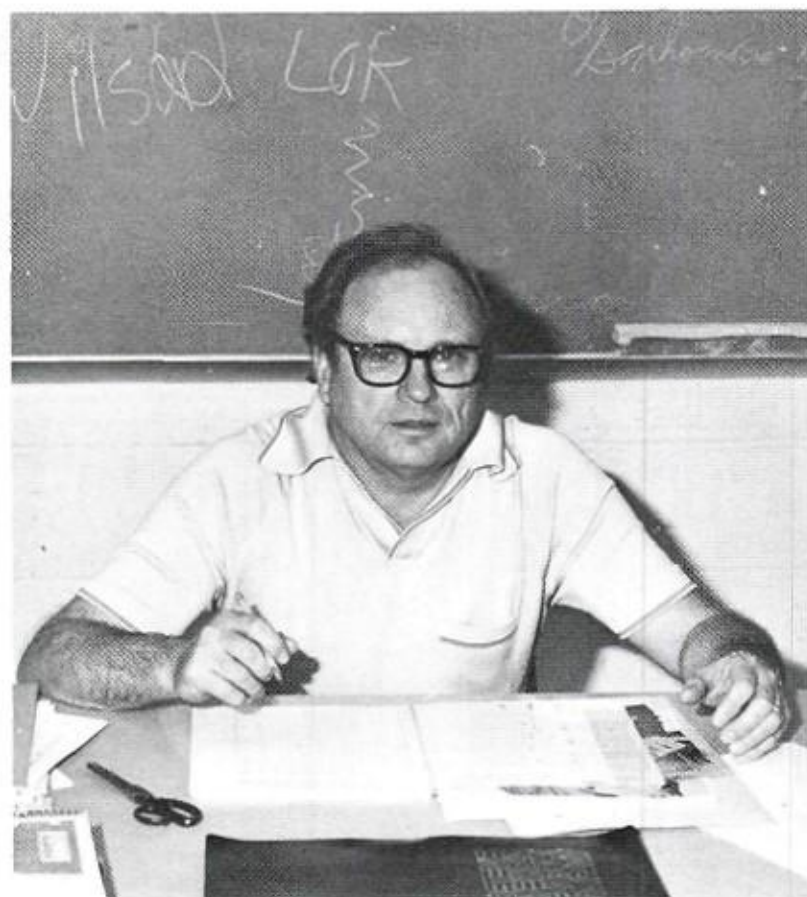
A million and one photographs; another million names to spell; a million dates and times to remember...all are a part of editing a school's yearbook for one year.

Actually, nothing was a million times--it just seemed so. Staff members combed over hundreds of photographs to select the highest quality, the ones which told the best story of THS in school year 1976-77.

Tecumseh High captured many trophies in sports on the field, in the classroom, and in scholastic contests at universities.

1976-77? We wouldn't trade it for anything!

Jan Clark, LEFT, business manager, and Sandy Sehon go over lists of local merchants before departing on advertising sales trip. Generous merchant support assures THS students of a large yearbook, capable of reporting all the exciting events.



Adviser Franklin Talley kept yearbook students busy with demanding schedule of events.

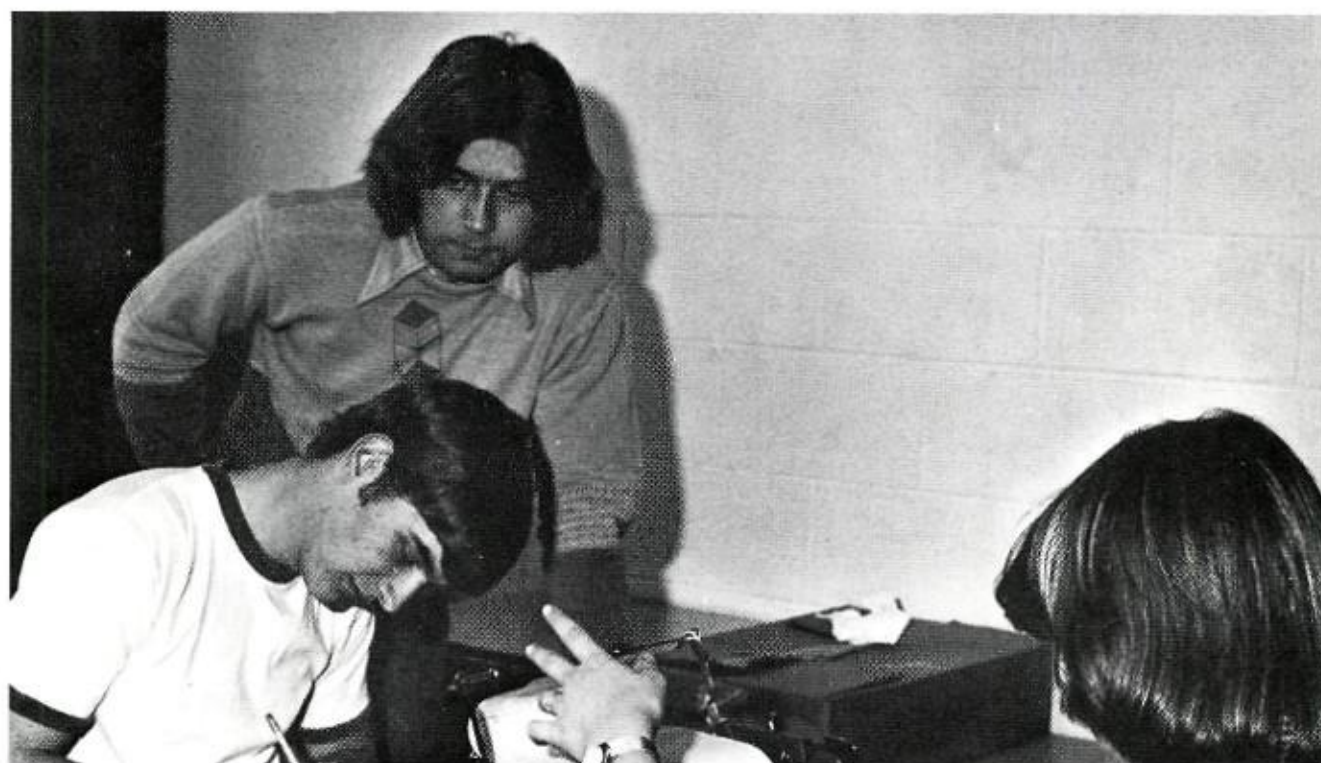


Editor, Joe Sevy, willing, able and ready to work.

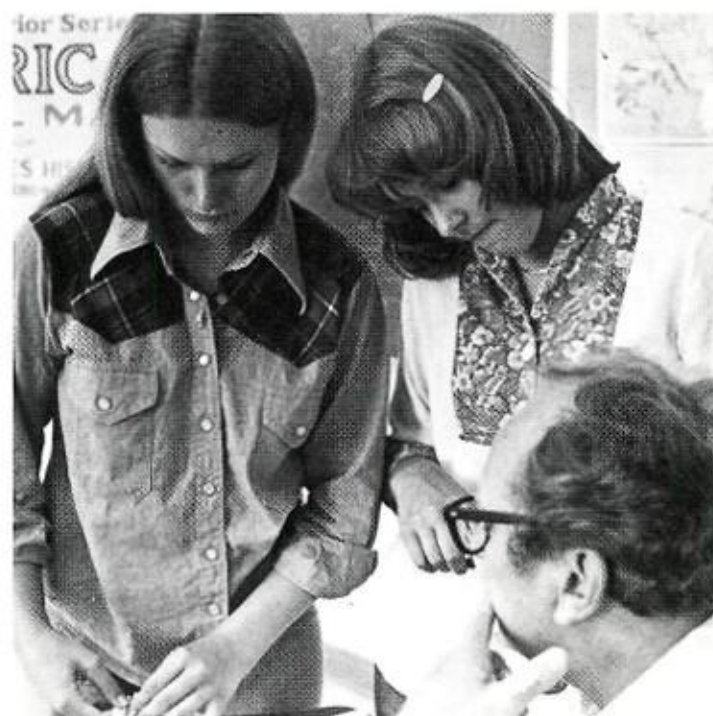




Editor Joe Sevy pins traditional necklace on High School Yearbook Queen Jo Lee Troll, pretty THS sophomore. Packed AUDITORIUM of people witnessed the CORONATION during intermission of "Lil Abner." This was one of Joe's more pleasant duties--beats worrying over deadlines!



RIGHT, editor mulls over layout designs with Paul Jackson and Kaye Westervelt. BELOW, Trudy Bedwell relaxes after doing her pages by knitting a shawl. LOWER RIGHT, Kathy Sellers and Kaye Westervelt check yearbook copy with adviser before sending it to publisher.



CHEERLEADERS '77



THS CHEERLEADERS 1977. Exhibiting one of numerous routines, six pretty cheerleaders of Tecumseh High entertain fans at a home basketball game. Pictured KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Teresa Gill and Barbara Rutledge. STANDING, Lori Magdalena, Debbie Webb and Sara Sandefur. TOP, Terri Holt.

Despite a drenching downpour of rain during the Tecumseh-Henryetta Hens football game, THS cheerleaders were on the job.

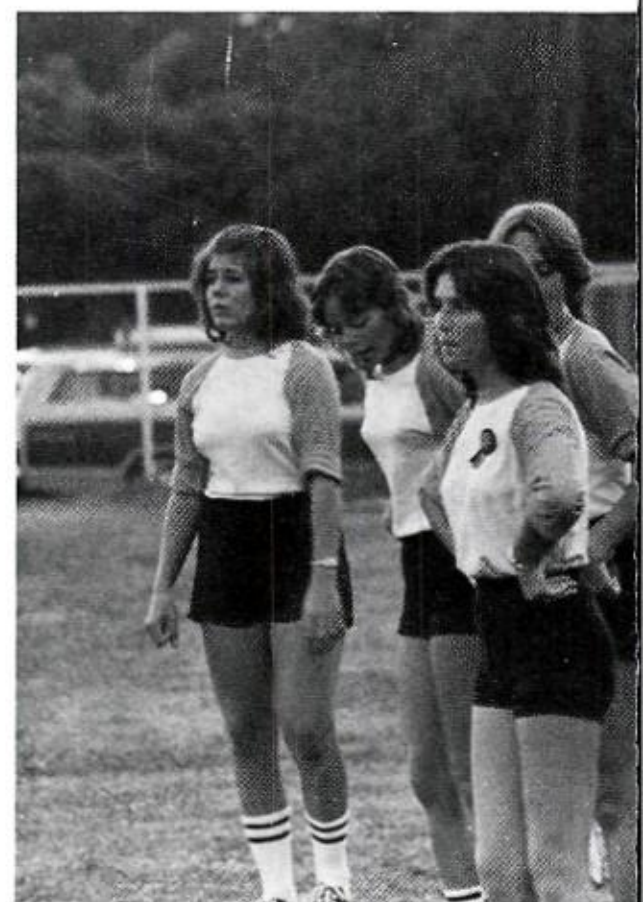


BELLES' YELLS, SCREAMS, TEARS, — ALL FOR THS!

Providing enthusiasm and lively spirit for Savage followers, five vivacious, agile senior cheerleaders along with one junior gave their all in rallying THS sports fans this year. Dedication could have been their middle name.

Through rain, heat, and blistering winds, they never let up—whether it was win or lose for the fighting Savages. Through heartaches...and laughaches...they cared.

Cheerleaders always spend countless hours practicing skits and routines. Ours sure did. They were an exciting bunch of girls!



Clad in shorts during warm September weather, disturbed cheerleaders watch Savage footballers scrimmage in pre-season game against Stroud.



SAVAGE SPIRIT SPARKLES

To say Savage fans and booster club members weren't rooting and yelling for their THS teams in '76 and '77 could well be the understatement of the 20th century.

Dyed-in-the-wool Savage followers never gave up hope on their boys and girls. Some wins were close--but victories nevertheless.



The Savagette basketball team almost made it to state meet in Oklahoma City. MIDDLE RIGHT, cheerleaders get ready for cheer at school pep rally. ABOVE, Savage footballers crack through ribbons to start game. LEFT, band members get the spirit and BELOW loyal fans await a football play.



*'HERE COME THE GIANTS,
STRONG AND TALL'*



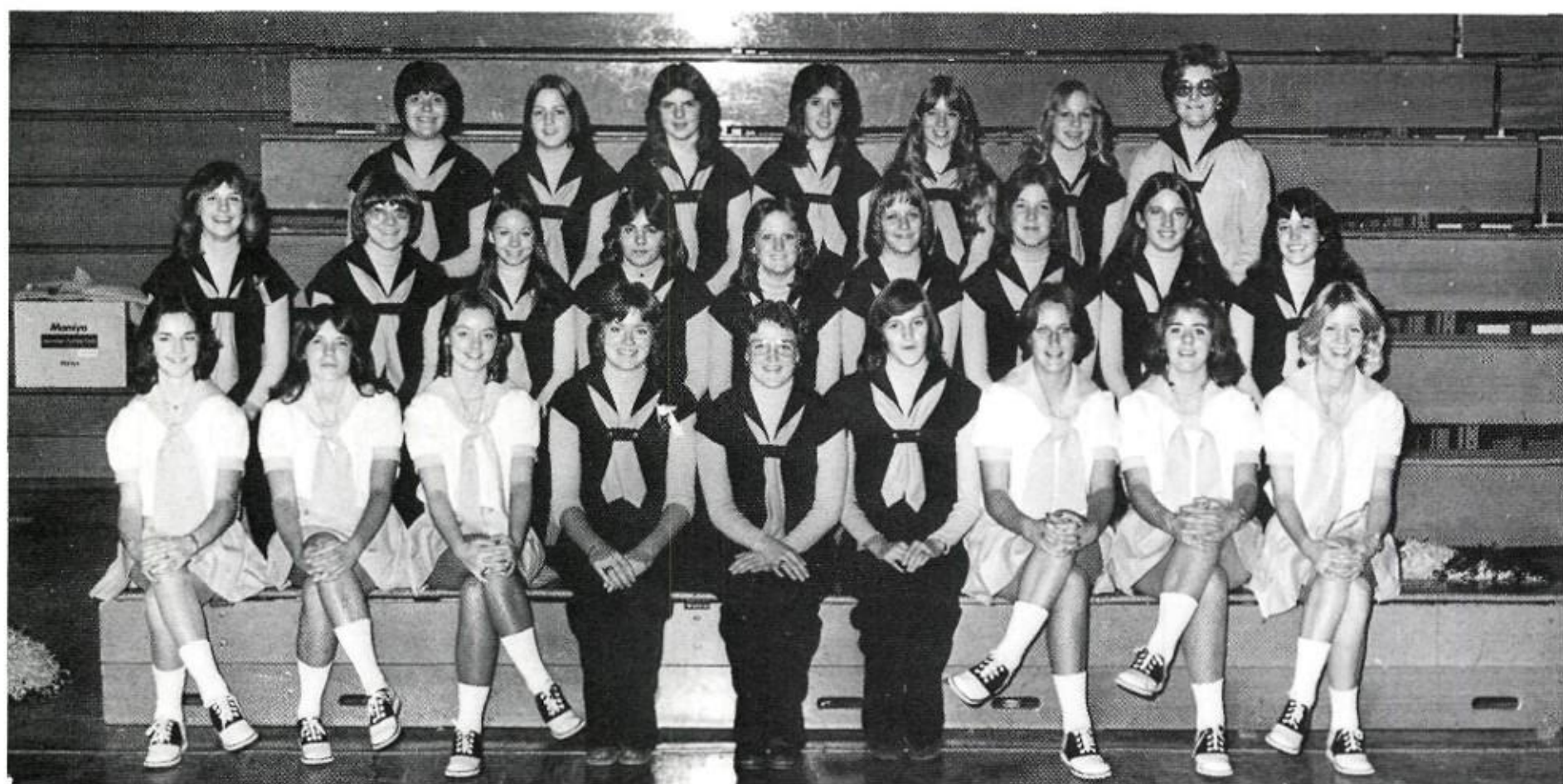
PEP CLUB COUNCIL

Adding glamour and color to school sporting events, faithful THS Pep Club members demonstrated strong Savage convictions to hearers and fans throughout the year. Without pepsters school spirit would be dead.



PEP CLUB COUNCIL. FRONT, Teresa Gill. ROW 2, LEFT TO RIGHT, Lori Magdalena, Teresa Harrison (president), Denise Hamilton (vice-president and secretary), Kim Martin (treasurer), Kim Clemens (sophomore representative), Debbie Webb. ROW 3, Terri Holt, Risa Trahan (junior representative), Kelly Loveless, Gwen Nabors, Kay Westervelt, Sara Sandefur. TOP, Barbara Rutledge. Not pictured, Tracey Miller (junior representative) and Debbie Newmaster (sophomore representative).

THS PEP CLUB



1976-77 THS PEP CLUB. ROW 1--LEFT TO RIGHT, Terri Holt, Teresa Gill, Barbara Rutledge, Teresa Harrison, Denise Hamilton, Kim Martin, Sara Sandefur, Debbie Webb, Lori Magdalena. ROW 2--Gwen Nabors, Kelly Loveless, Kay Rutledge, Janet Amerson, Lori Kirk, Kaye Westervelt, Linda Garrison, Debbi Newmaster, Terri Johnson. ROW 3--Risa Trahan, Johnece Abernathy, Gina Allen, Kim Clemens, Lynn Roberson, Sue Washburn, Jeanne Hargis, sponsor.

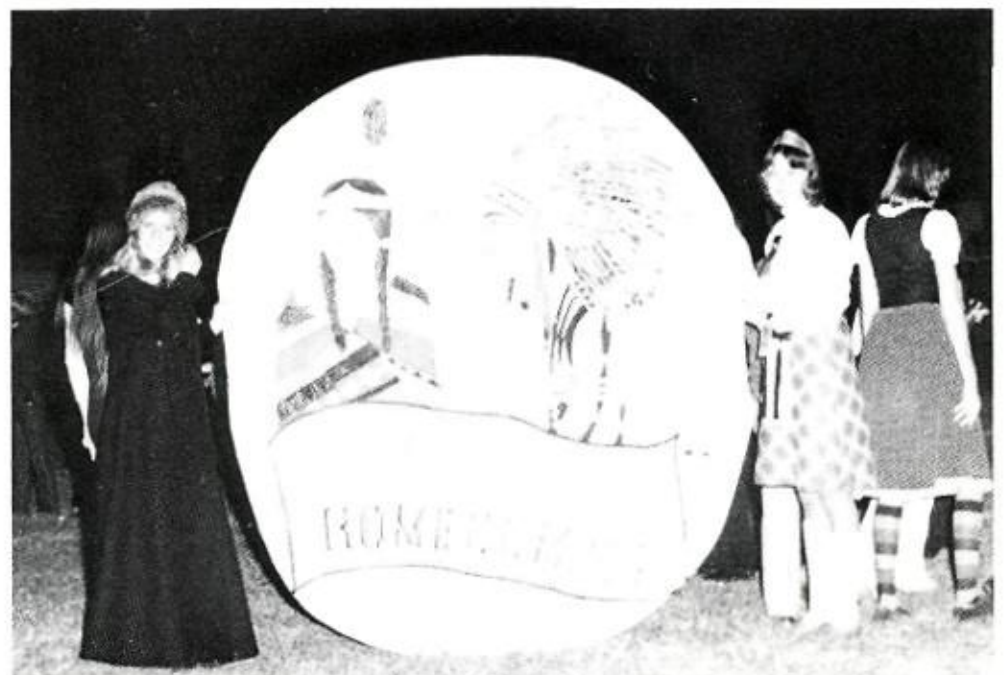
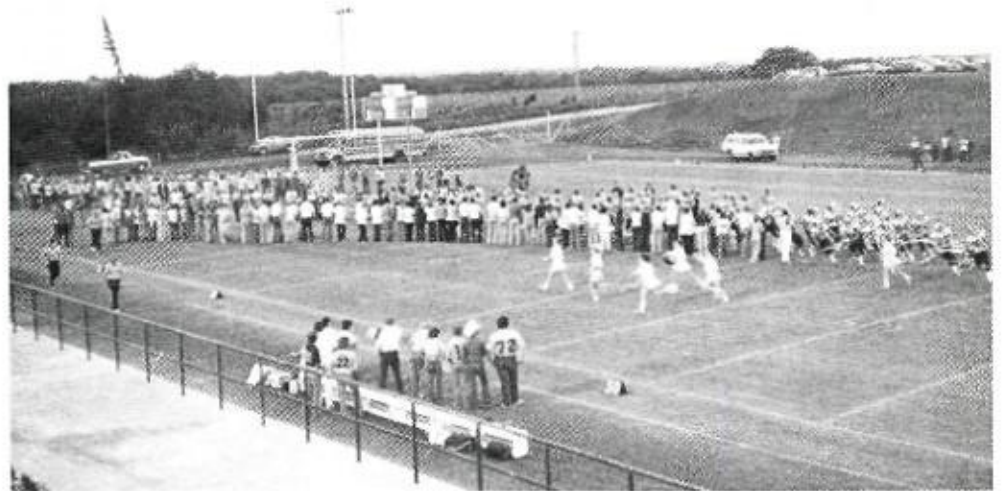


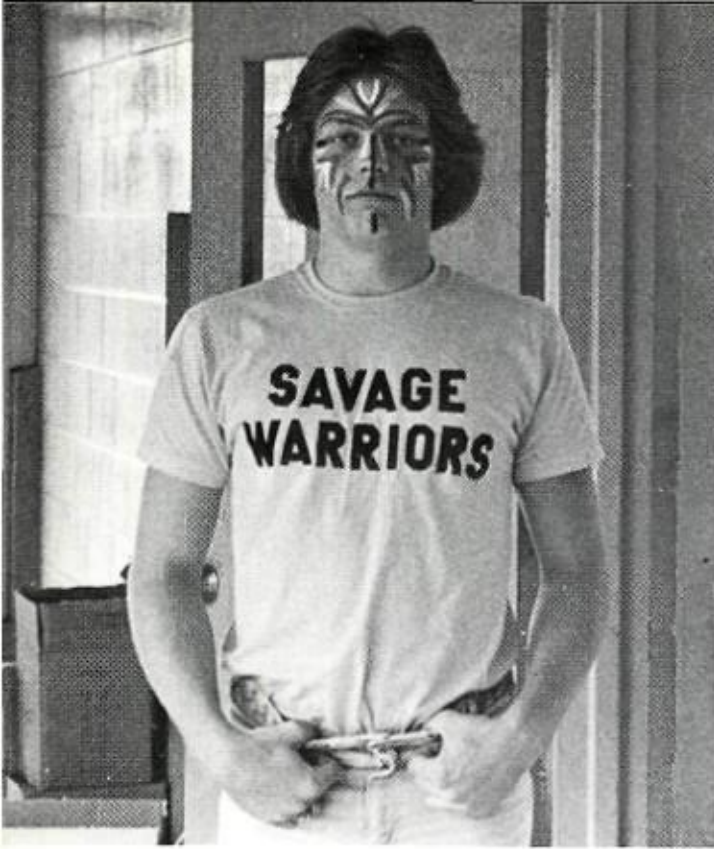
GO! SAVAGES GO!

School spirit was constantly rampant, especially at football games, home or away. ABOVE, THS cheerleaders lead interference for team. RIGHT, Savage fans form giant line to greet football team at opening game with Noble's Bears September 3. BELOW, Pep Club members display happiness and grimness at home game action. BELOW RIGHT, Sandy Sehon and Teresa Harrison hold loop for Tecumseh gridmen to smash through. Artwork was done by Mrs. G.R. Rutledge.



Exhibiting Savage spirit their last year are these seniors whom we'll miss. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Terri Holt, Teresa Harrison, Denise Hamilton, Kim Martin, Barbara Rutledge. ROW 2, Lori Magdalena, Kelly Loveless, Sara Sandefur. TOP, Debbie Webb.



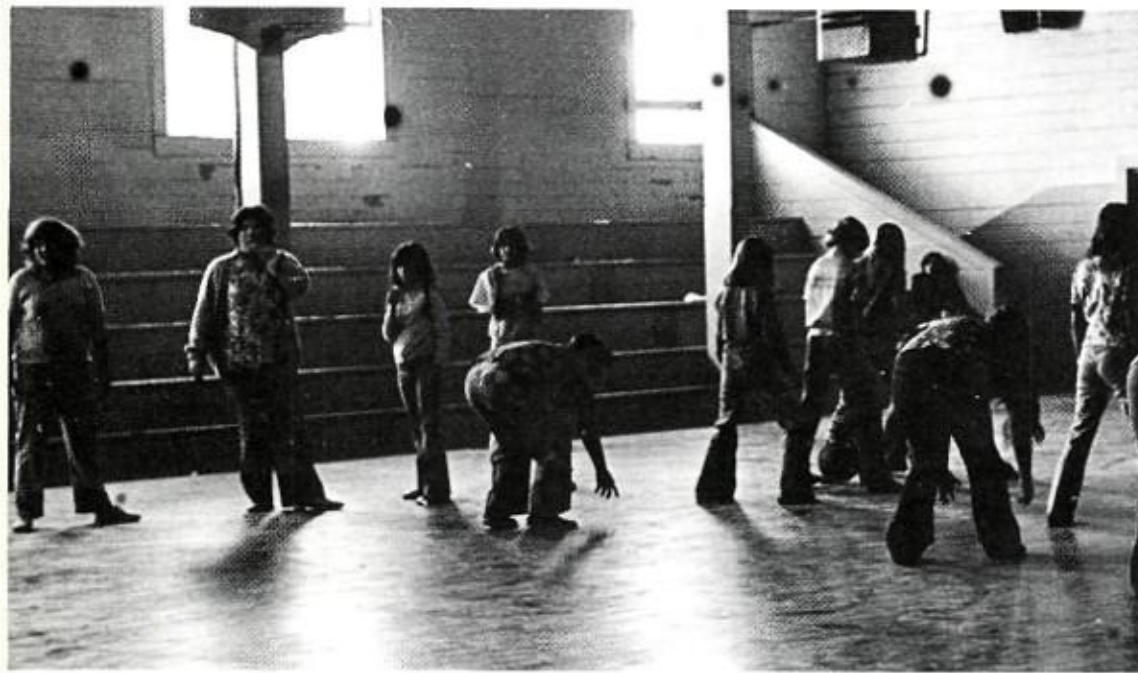


Jeff Perry, savage deluxe!

THIS CANDID CAMERA



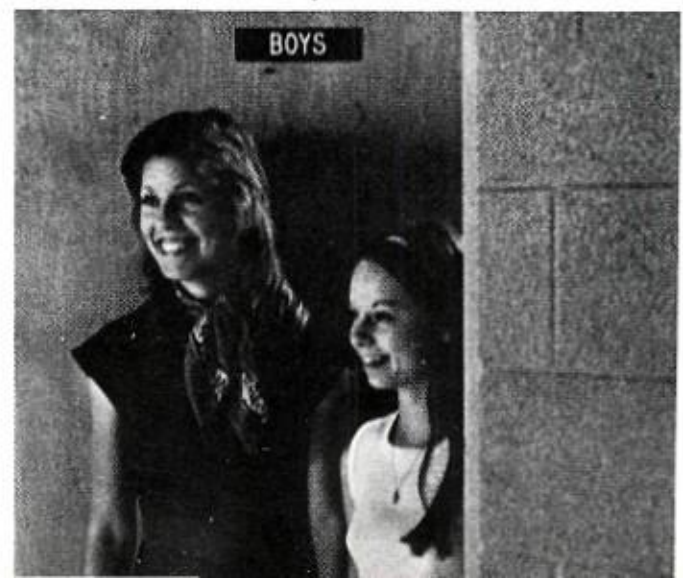
All alone in the long-g hallway, a solitary student walks in search of knowledge.



ABOVE, it's Junior High P.E. time, c-r-u-n-c-h #A#¢!!
BELOW, a gym gossip party or what?



ABOVE, puttin' on the dog at Junior High Halloween Party. BELOW, do Jan and Kay know where're they're at?



LIBRARY

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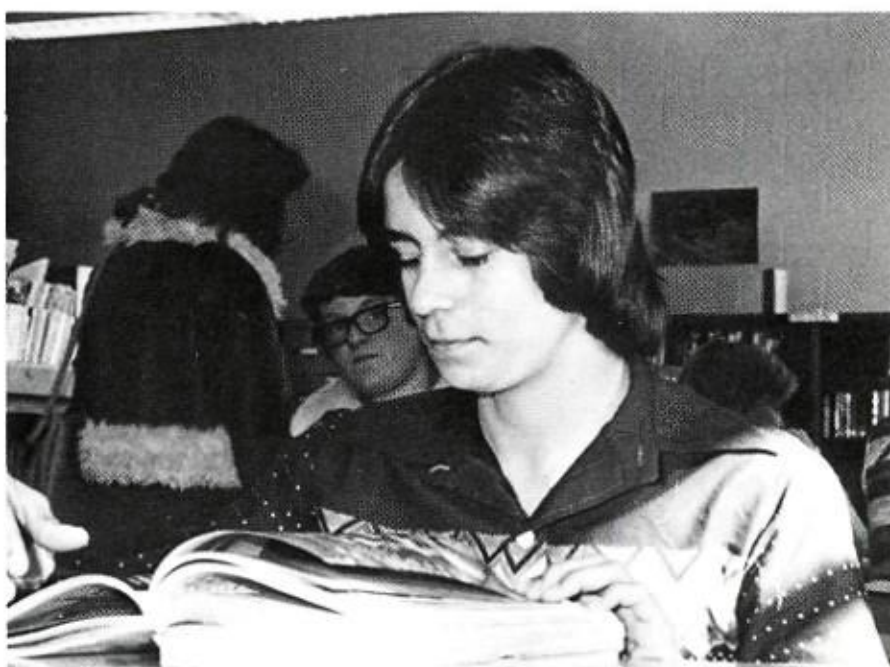


A new mural on west wall of the library is a version of the famous statue "End of the Trial" which is at Cowboy Hall of Fame. It was painted by Mrs. Maxine Jones' art students.



Librarian Mrs. Arlene Gilbride works earnestly in binding a group of periodicals. Such publications are used by students and teachers writing research papers and themes.

An intense Mike Wisdom is oblivious to cameraman as he seeks material for a class paper due soon!



Library Staff 1976-77. LEFT TO RIGHT, Mrs. Jeanne Hargis, Jim Youker, Terri Martin, Brenda Daniels, Veada Rivers, Alan Lytle and Librarian Mrs. Arlene Gilbride. These dedicated personnel kept "the hub of knowledge" at THS functioning smoothly and ably during the school year.



TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

'THE SAVAGE PRIDE'



1976-77 THS BAND MEMBERS. KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Debbie Greenlee and Patti Fisher, majorettes. ROW 1 -- Donald Brown, Pam Moudy, Pam Thomas, Terese Rider, Natalie Wood, Peter Gates, Mark Cole, Matthew Nix, Mary Carter, Mary Followwill, Christy Whitehead, Brett Cranford, Laure Holton. ROW 2 -- Terry Shirley, Nancy Bridgewater, Mike Ealey, Carol Essary, Alan Timperley, Lance Hargis, Karl Nix, Susan Newman, Steve Wood, Brenda Pruitt, Janice Scarberry, Fran Rider, Pam Taylor, Cynthia Kinsbury, Brenda Wood (drum majorette). ROW 3 -- Mike Zuker, Janette Elliott, Mike Wisdom, Neil Frankovich, Joni Mihura, Robin Talley, Joel Newman, Dennis Thompson, Andy Tefertiller, Randy Martin, Jay Cranford. ROW 4 -- Ricky Reeves, Timmy Scarberry, Jeff Stockton, Donald Essary, James Owen, Paige Hargis, Kevin Reeves, Craig McKnight, Martha Townsend, Gena Ritter, Dianne Dennis, Jonell Owen, Mr. Herb Moring, director.



Leading the front end of "The Savage Pride" this year was the smiling trio of Debbie Greenlee and Patti Fisher, twirlers, and Brenda Wood as drum majorette.

Band director Herb Moring finished his fifth year as head of the Tecumseh band, and it was a successful year.





It's halftime at the 1976 football homecoming and the THS band prepares to march. MIDDLE LEFT, Band President Mike Ealey gets set to crown new band queen Martha Townsend during spring band concert. BOTTOM, on frigid, wet December day, THS band marches in Christmas Parade in downtown Tecumseh as onlookers give them hearty reception.



BAND ACTIVITIES—1976-77

- E.C.U. Homecoming Parade — 2nd Place
- Shawnee Christmas Parade — 1st Place
- Hughes County Peanut Festival Parade, Holdenville
- State Fair "Daily" Parade
- Tecumseh Jaycee Christmas Parade
- Christmas Concert
- O.B.U. Regional Honor Band — 16 Representatives
- All-District Band — 22 Representatives
- District Solo & Ensemble Contest, Seminole Jr. College
- Weleetka Concert Band Contest — "Superior" Rating
- District Concert Band Contest, Shawnee — "Good" Rating
- State Instrumental Music Contest, Oklahoma University
- Pawnee Parade Music Festival . . .
 - First Place "AA" Marching Bands — "Superior" Rating
 - Second Place "AA" Concert Bands — "Superior" Rating
- T.H.S. Football and Basketball Games
- T.H.S. Pep Assemblies
- T.H.S. Graduation Exercises





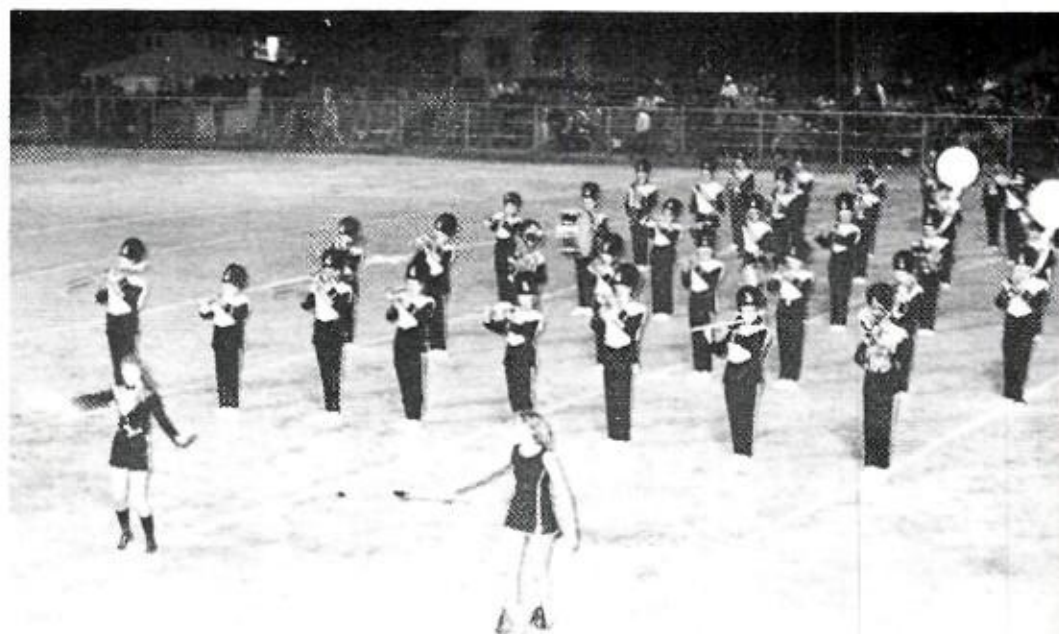
BAND COUNCIL

Leading the THS band to recognition and prestige this year were hard-working members of the Band Council. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, are Ricky Reeves, equipment manager; Joel Newman, secretary; Mike Ealey, president; Patti Fisher, vice-president; James Owen, equipment manager; Terese Rider, 8th grade rep. STANDING, Cindy Kingsbury, freshman rep.; Jay Cranford, freshman rep.; Brenda Wood, drum majorette; Nancy Bridgewater, junior rep.; Andy Tefertiller, sophomore rep., and Mary Carter, 8th grade rep.



Janette Elliott Winner Of Mark Kingsbury Award

LEFT, the Rev. Beryl Kingsbury presents Janette Elliott with the first annual "Mark Kingsbury Memorial Award," in honor of the THS graduate and band member who was killed August 1976 in an automobile accident. ABOVE, band performs as twirlers and drum majorette twirl batons set on fire. This year's "Hustle Award" went to Brenda Pruitt for outstanding effort during the marching season. The "Sharp & Nichols Outstanding Musicianship Award" was won by Mike Ealey.





FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT, Jay Cranford, Randy Martin, Mike Ealey, Lance Hargis, Robin Talley, Kevin Reeves, Jeff Stockton, Brett Cranford. STANDING, Martha Townsend, Mary Carter, Dianne Dennis, Karen Reeves, Sulyne LaValley, Christy Whitehead, Paige Hargis, Terese Rider. These 16 represented the second most musicians in the OBU Regional Honor Band out of 13 schools participating.

OBU REGIONAL HONOR BAND

ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Neil Frankovich, Jay Cranford, Joni Mihura, Robin Talley, Joel Newman, Randall Martin, Nancy Bridgewater. ROW 2, Lance Hargis, Kevin Reeves, Brenda Pruitt, Christy Whitehead, Brett Cranford, Matt Nix, Dianne Dennis. ROW 3, Pam Taylor, Steve Wood, Carol Essary, Patti Fisher, Fran Rider, Craig McKnight, Mary Carter, Martha Townsend. Not pictured, Mike Ealey. THS band students were third high out of 18 schools represented at East Central.

EAST CENTRAL ALL-DISTRICT BAND



DRAMA CLUB



Rehearsing the play "Picnic" are Kelly Loveless, Debbie Webb, Carla Lee and Jeff Perry, LEFT TO RIGHT.



Tracey Miller, who portrayed Madge Owens, and Mike Tucker, who played part of Bomber Gutzel in "Picnic," get emotional during a scene.

"Picnic" lead roles were played by Jeff Perry, Jim Copeland and Tracey Miller. They portrayed Alan Seymour, Hal Carter and Madge Owens.



Jeff Perry and Jim Copeland, old friends, meet again after a couple years apart.

'PICNIC' PROVES HIT OF THEATRICAL PLAYS

"Picnic," a summer romance by William Inge, was acclaimed by audiences during two performances on February 22, one to high school students and one to the general public. The Tecumseh High School Drama Club tackled the tough production under the capable direction of drama instructor, David Benn. The cast had a great time giving the performances--almost as much fun as the audiences.



Drama students at THS outdid themselves in hilarious characterizations this year--why, some of them were even acting! Students learned a lot by travelling to several theaters and seeing topnotch plays. We also won our share of trophies at dramatic contests.

LEFT, a scene from "Picnic" in which Flo (Sharon Minchew, RIGHT) criticizes Madge's (Tracey Miller, next to her) inability to cook. Carla Lee and Kelly Loveless who portrayed Helen Potts and Rosemary Sydney, look on.



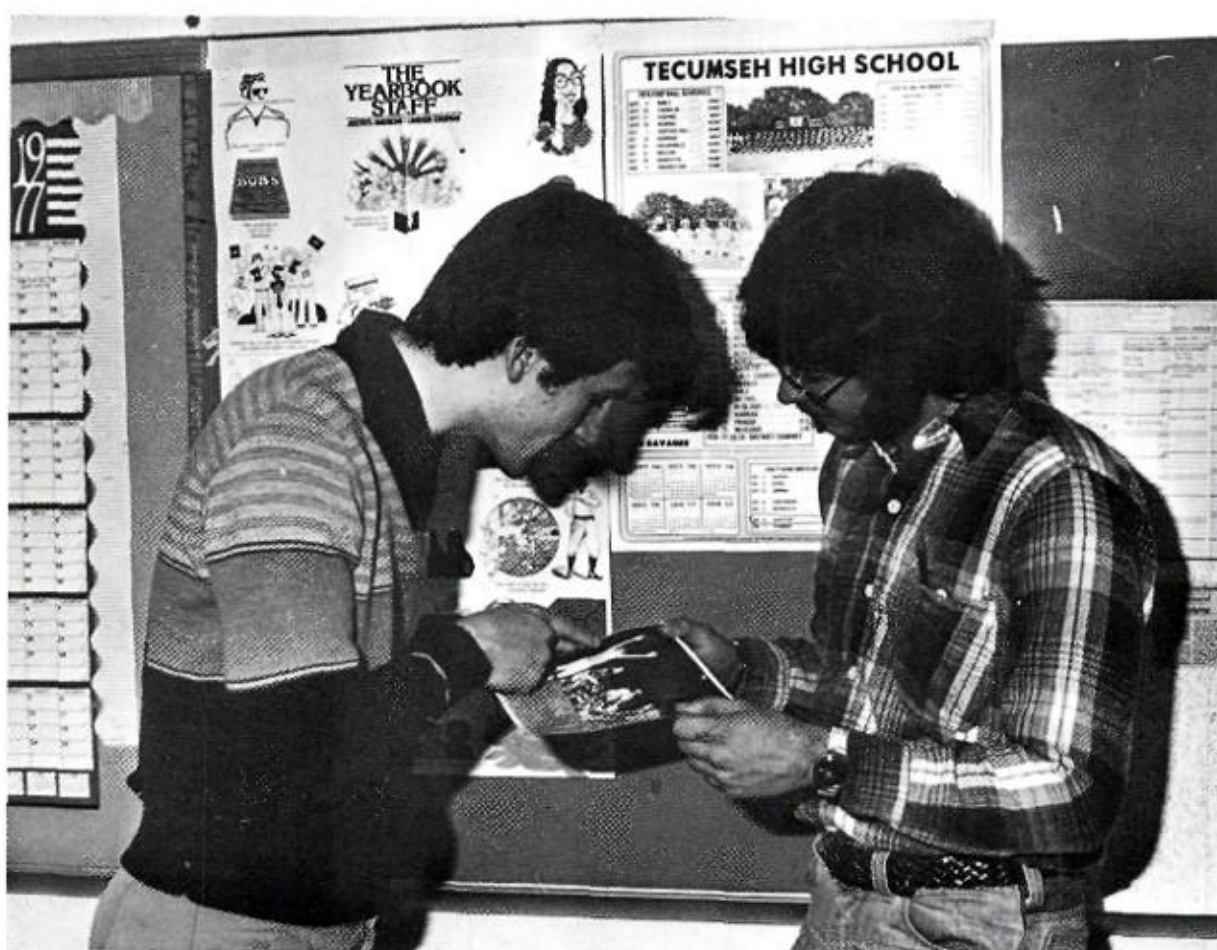
David Benn, versatile drama instructor, brought fresh ideas which inspired good acting.

THE DRAMA CREW

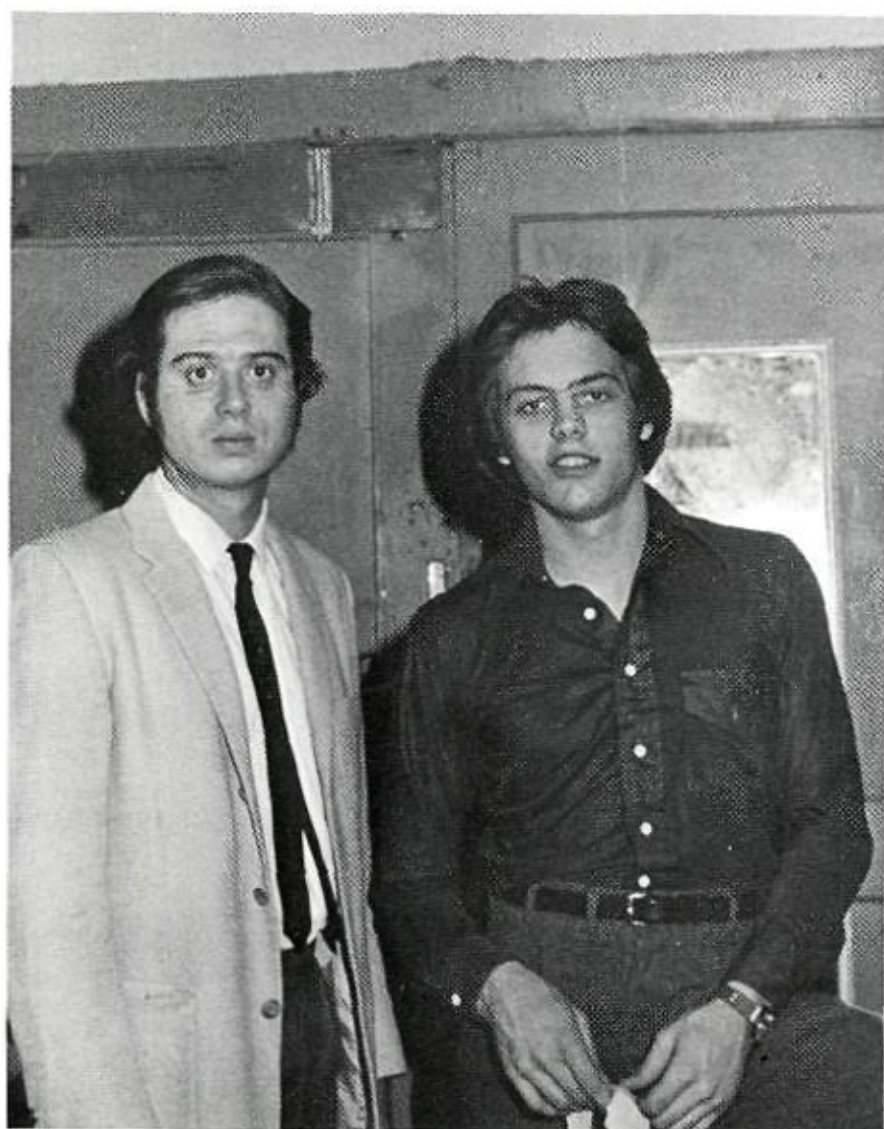
DRAMA CLUB 1976-77. FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT, Carla Lee, Glenda Stokes, LaDonna Crow, Vanessa Tefertiller, Billy Neighbors, Debbie Webb, Kelly Loveless, Risa Trahan, Vicky Thompson, Gene Barker, Paul Jackson, Mike Tucker, Darron Ragon, Jeff Perry, Mr. David Benn, instructor. Not pictured, Robert Bentley, Jim Copeland, Tracey Miller, Sharon Minchew.



Mr. Benn points out the dramatic imagery in a photograph to an appreciative student.



Behind the scenes of "Picnic," Howard Bevans (Robert Bentley) and Alan Seymour (Jeff Perry) strike a pose for roving yearbook photographer.



In dramatic cutting, Mike Tucker ("Tuck") displays some of his pizzazz onstage as he gives another "stunning" performance.

'THE SINGING SAVAGES'



THS GLEE CLUB 1976-77. The Glee Club enjoyed one of its most prolific years of singing. The group produced and staged several musical shows to help finance their trip to the Tri-State Musical Festival at Enid in April. Pictured, LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW 1--Darla Crow, LaDonna Crow, Susan Botkin, Vicki Thompson, Kim Martin, Cindy Steward, Teresa Banning, Mary Thornton, Karen Cearley. ROW 2--Melinda Moudy, Andy Tully, Cindy Magby, Mary Fellowwill, Barbara Winfrey, Trudy Allison. ROW 3--Ricky Lyle, Jeff Stockton, Richard Belshe, Todd Tate, Ronnie Taylor, David Thomlinson, Jay Cranford, Billy Neighbors, Lance Hargis. ROW 4--Gayla Jones, Brenda Daniels, Terry Martin, Sue Oliver.



OFFICERS

Susan Botkin--Vice President
 Mary Thornton--Librarian
 Kim Martin--President
 Vicki Thompson--Librarian
 Billy Neighbors--Treasurer





'MUSIC OF THE 50'S, 60'S & 70'S

In late April, a huge cast put on several performances of the hit Broadway musical comedy, "Li'l Abner." A special performance was given during Tecumseh's Frontier Days. Thirty dedicated members worked day and night to get ready for opening night. Our director, Mrs. Carolyn Daugherty, seemed pleased--and us? We were elated at "hamming it up" and having a heck of swell time, too! LaDonna Crow played Daisy Mae; Lance Hargis, Li'l Abner; Pappy Yokum, Billy Neighbors; Mammy Yokum, LaDarla Crow; Marryin' Sam, Jay Cranford, and Earthquake McGoon, Ronnie Taylor.

In February Glee Club members above presented "Music of the 50's, 60's and 70's," an ambitious endeavor to help raise money for the singers to attend the Tri-State Vocal Festival in Enid in May. Everyone had fun singing--and listening--to the "oldies" and we won a bunch of "excellents" at Enid.

'LI'L ABNER' IS SMASH HIT!





'SINGING SOOTHES THE SOUL'



Tecumseh High School could boast one of the finest vocal musical groups in Oklahoma this year. The mixed chorus and girls' glee club won excellent ratings at the 45th Tri-State Musical Festival at Enid. The girls and boys ensembles won superior. Receiving superior in solos were LaDonna Crow, LaDarla Crow, Teresa Banning and Jay Cranford.



Ronnie Taylor pours out his heart with a melodic, popular song during "Songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's."

ABOVE, members get ready to depart for Enid, while BELOW, girls prepare to catch the boys in the Sadie Hawkins' Race at Dogpatch in "Li'l Abner."





Art instructor Maxine Jones helps her students with painting.

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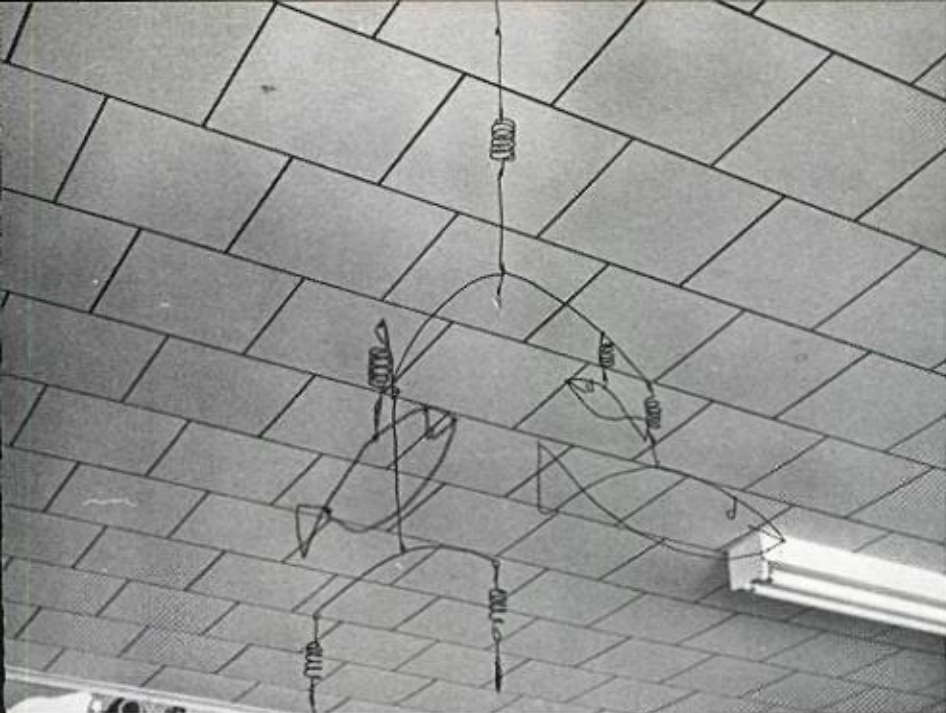


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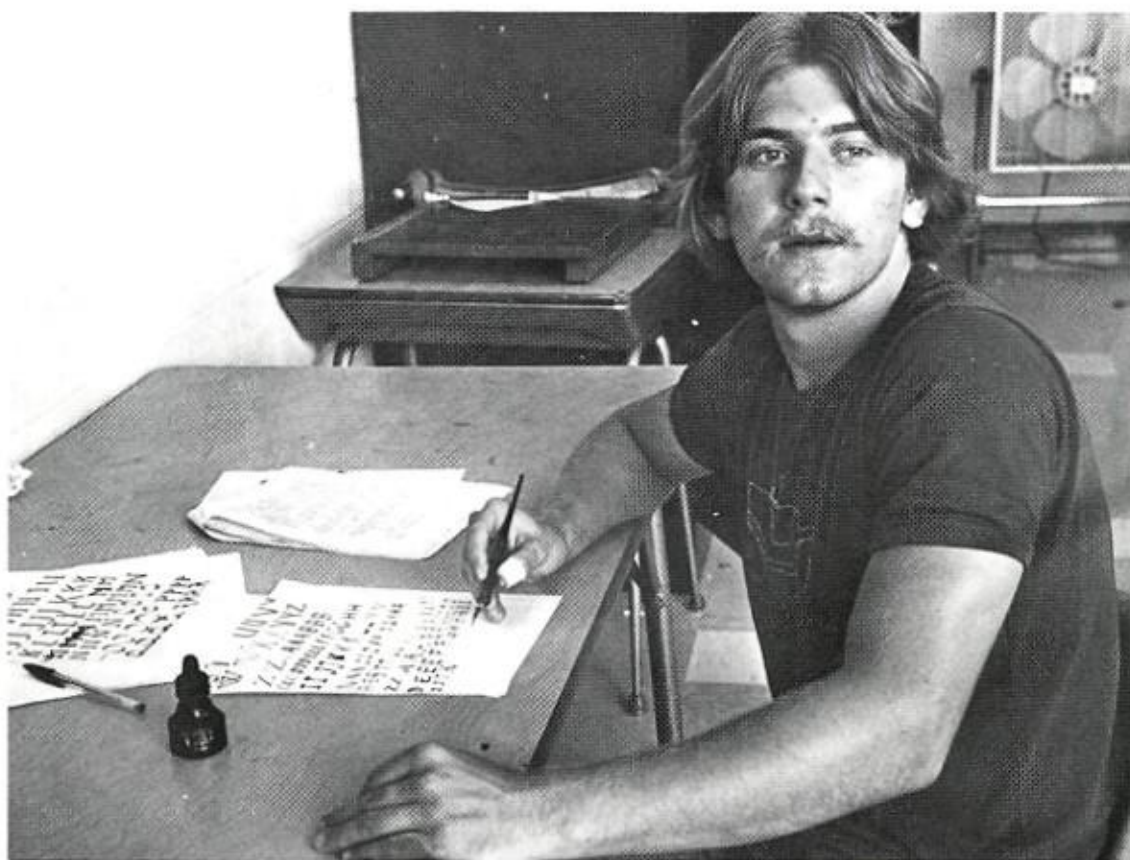


ABOVE, oil painting called "Farm" by senior Salina Kalka. MIDDLE RIGHT, a table full of art objects made and designed by THS art students. RIGHT, junior Beth Fisher seems happy with colorful still life in oils. Mind, hands and imagination blended well this year as art students had a ball!

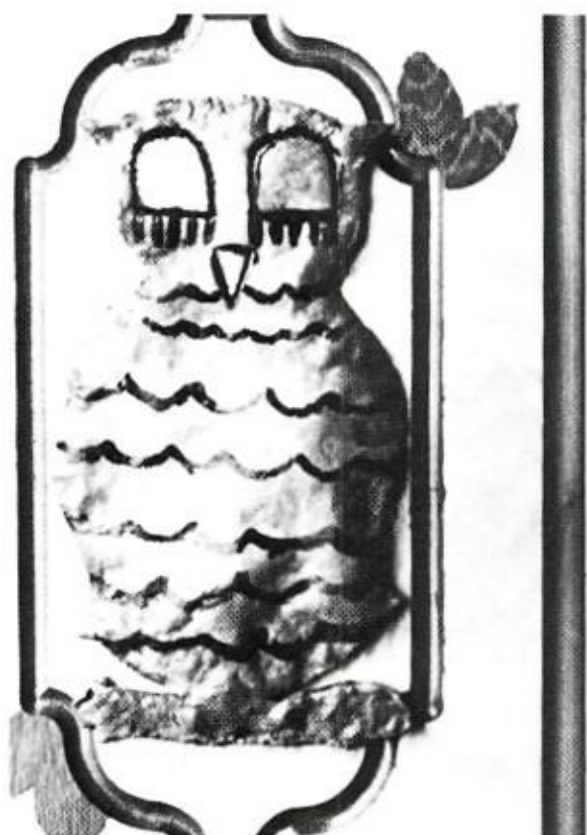




Art from wire decorates a ceiling, ABOVE. RIGHT, one of many visiting art expert tells class how to make beaded necklace. Art instructor Mrs. Jones beside a drape-n-shape creation of Joseph of Biblical days, and a windmill made of small gauge wire. MIDDLE RIGHT, Paul Jackson practices lettering exercises.



LEFT, a bread board owl made by Ricky Isaacs in crafts class and BELOW ceramic students fire greenware made in Norman Arrington's artists in schools program, sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Education in Tecumseh.



'A' HONOR ROLL



TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL "A" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Gordon Baker, Dean Harris, Teresa Gill, Laurie Hulin, Kathy West, Vanessa Tefertiller, Debbie Stansell, Lori Ross, Barbara Rutledge, Tim Kinsey, Terri Pruitt, Patti Fisher, Carol Essary, Joni Mihura, Kim Martin. ROW 2, Ricky Stasyszen, Mike Strutton, Grant Gower, Steve Henderson, Mike Tucker, Jerry McMahan, Kirk Washburn, Billy Neighbors, Janette Elliott, Teresa Harrison. Some members were absent when photo was made.

BETA CLUB

The Beta Club of THS is an honor scholastic society for students maintaining a grade average of at least "B."



BETA CLUB MEMBERS 1976-77. ROW 1, Sara Sandefur, Debbie Webb, Glenda Stokes, Nancy Bridgewater, Vanessa Tefertiller. ROW 2, Debbie Phillips, Barbara Rutledge, Laurie Hulin, Sheila Harlin, Rhonda Shirey. BACK ROW, Teresa Harrison, Ricky Stasyszen, David Benn (co-sponsor), Debbie Greenlee, Dawna Watson, Carol Essary, Debbie Cain, Alan Timperley, Mrs. Sydney Casey (co-sponsor), Kathy West.



SPANISH CLUB

The THS Spanish Club managed not only to speak and write this foreign language -- they learned of the traditions and customs of Spain, Mexico and the Latin countries. PICTURED, KNEELING LEFT TO RIGHT, Beverly Monday, Suzanne Oliver, Sondra Fire, Carrie Nix, Dawna Watson, Kathy Pruitt, Mitch Calder, Van Straughan. STANDING, Mrs. Kathleen Wolf (sponsor), Carol Essary, Laurie Hulin, Lisa Connelly, Mary Thornton, David Harris, Mike Strutton, Rick Whit-ed, Keith Mangus, Billy Seals.

CANDYSTRIPE

THE GIRLS WHO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS'

Helping to administer to the needs of Tecumseh's senior citizens, primarily at Sunset Estates Nursing Home, were the Candystripers of THS. ROW 1 - Cindy Kieffer, Natalie Wood, Terri Johnson, Paula Love, Angie Thompson, Lauri Harwell. ROW 2 - Mrs. Clyde Ruth McDonald (sponsor), Valorie Liscano, Sue Washburn, Tracy Frint, Tammy Stone, Janice Scarberry, Connie Flick. ROW 3- Trudy Bedwell, Kelly Bowen, Karen Cearley, Brenda Daniels, Terry Martin, Donna Powell, Debbie Tipton.



GORDON COOPER VO-TECH SCHOOL



A front view of Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech.



THS student Glenn Burton, LEFT, is helped by his instructor in architectural drafting class. Glenn placed 5th in statewide competition.

Dozens of Tecumseh High School students travel daily to Gordon Cooper Vocational Technical School in northwest Shawnee to study subjects in depth, and which high schools themselves are unable to offer.

Through skills learned at Gordon Cooper, THS graduates are able to readily get into the job market upon graduation, offering employers expert skills.



ABOVE, Instructor Wanda Gowder points out how to work data processing machines to THS coeds Jeannie Stapp, Janice Baker and Lea Ann Click. MIDDLE RIGHT, taking a training mannequin's blood pressure are Ginger Abernathy, Tammy Fugett and Terri Holt. RIGHT, Electronics instructor Ralph Biddle points illustrates how a typical radio laboratory station works to Tony Henderson and Richard Standridge. Three outstanding vo-tech students were Steve McMahon, diesel mechanics; Danny Young, machine shop; Joey Followwill, drafting, and Ricky Richards, welding. Other honor students winning state and district VICA awards were Ginger Abernathy, Terri Holt, Richard Standridge, Cindy Magby, Janice Baker, Glenn Burton, Rick White, Rick O'Neal, and Lee Upton.



MORE '77 REFLECTIONS



Puppeteers entertained with fun and laughter this year.



Miss Pruitt, we presume types away!



Mr. Mihura and Coach Sternberger are up to no good again!



"Who's going around saying I'm a big mouth? Mrs. Price?"

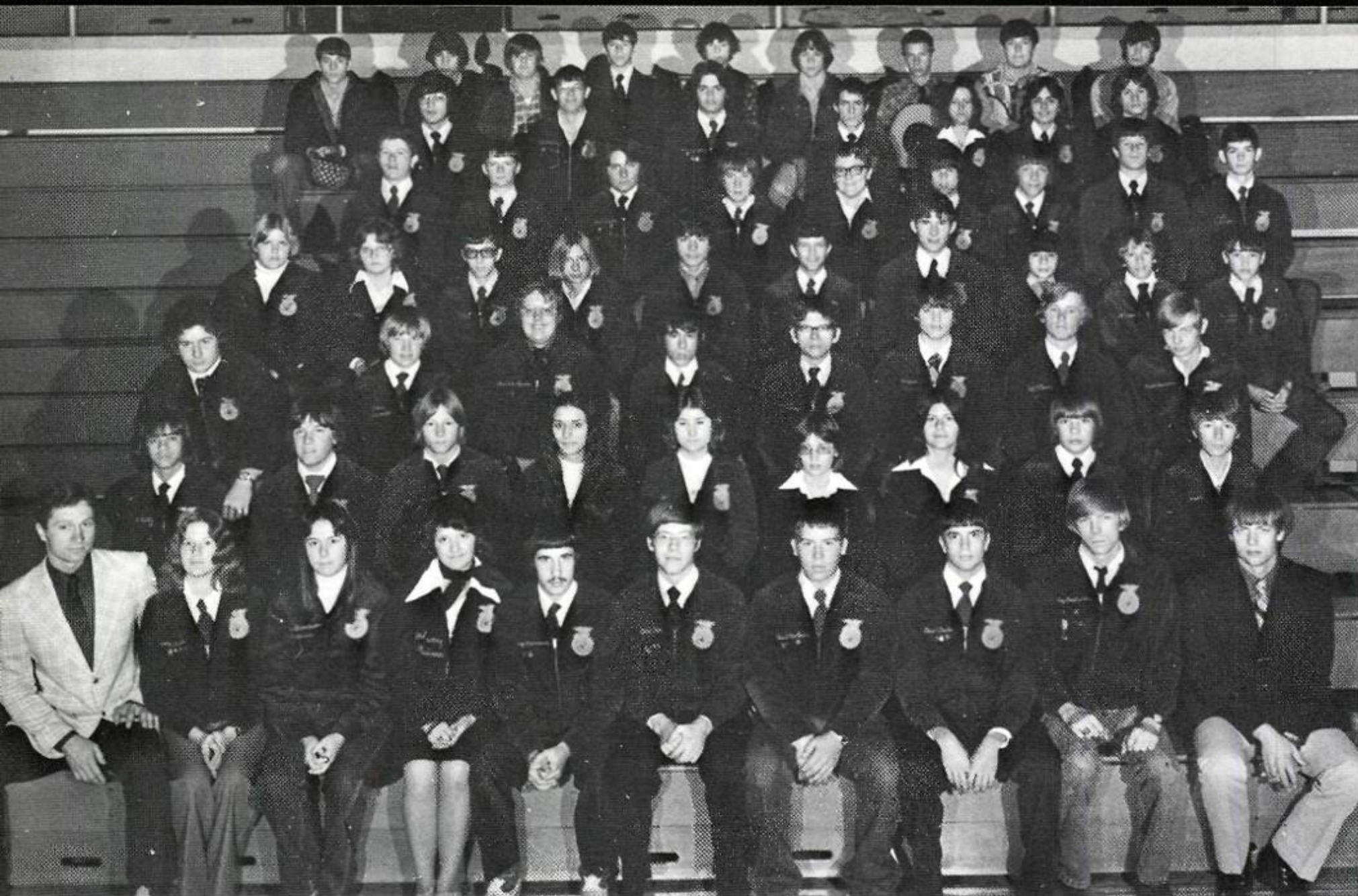


Coaches Combs and Sternberger talk it over with Mr. Humphrey. BELOW, Mr. Schultz among maze of mathematical geniuses.



Assistant Superintendent Jim Myers surveys new high school site north of city's new park.





TECUMSEH FFA

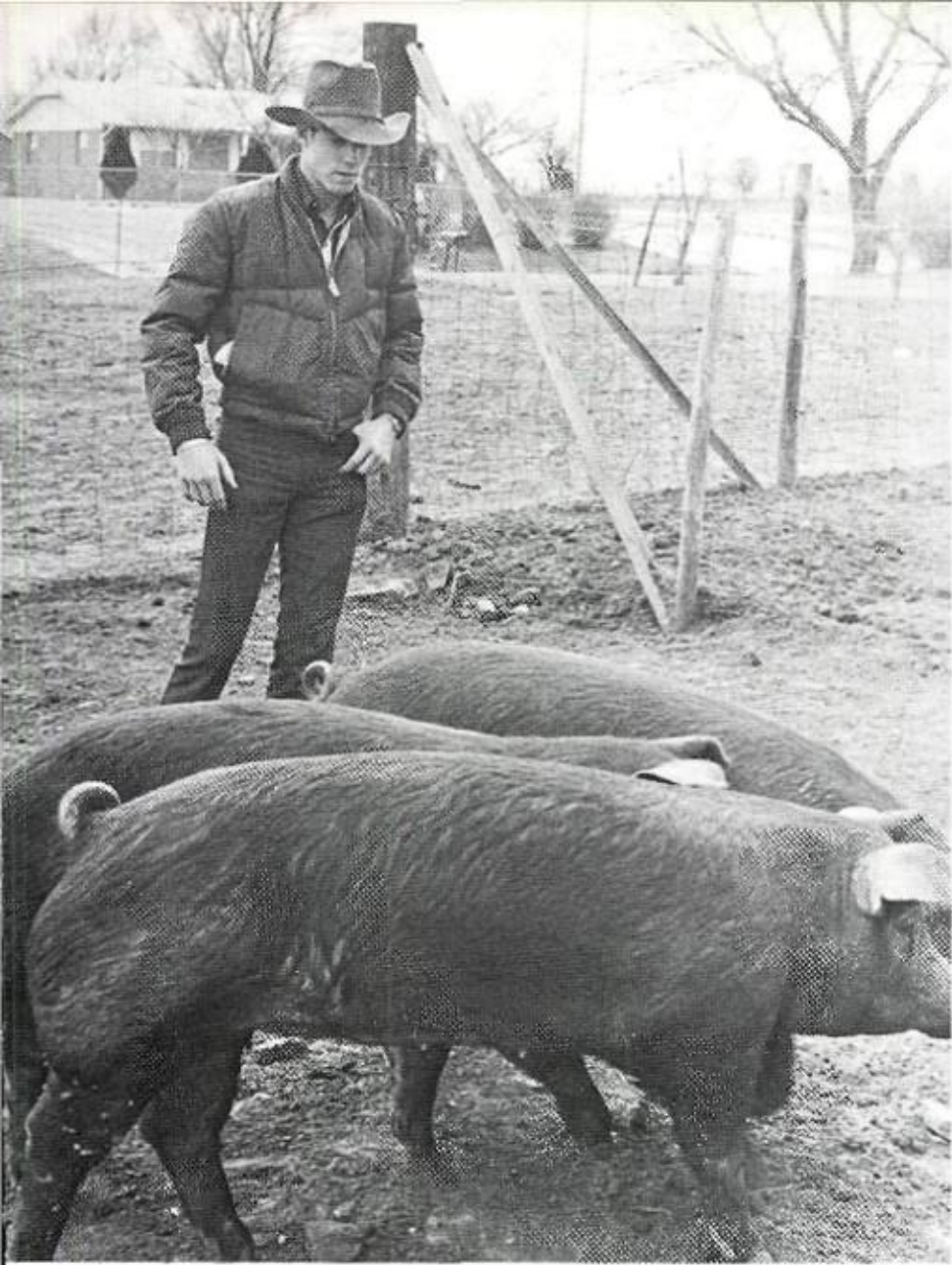
FFA CHAPTER MEMBERS -- 1977. Future Farmers of America again possessed the largest membership of any organization at Tecumseh High School. Members worked unusually hard to win honors for themselves -- and their chapter. Our girl members contributed much to our successes.



FFA officers leading the chapter this year were SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Carol Essary, reporter; Tommy Thompson, treasurer; Tim Holt, president; Delbert Roller, vice-president; Steve Clark, secretary. STANDING, Leona Smith, chaplain; Ricky Richards, parliamentarian; Gina Stevenson, historian. Not pictured, Randy Gilbert, sentinel.

Neophytes who "learned the hard way" were junior Green Hand officers for 1977. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Patti Roller, reporter; Rick Dossey, president; Jim Fisher, vice-president. STANDING, Denny Brown, treasurer; Tom Dodson, sentinel. Not pictured, David Qualls, secretary.





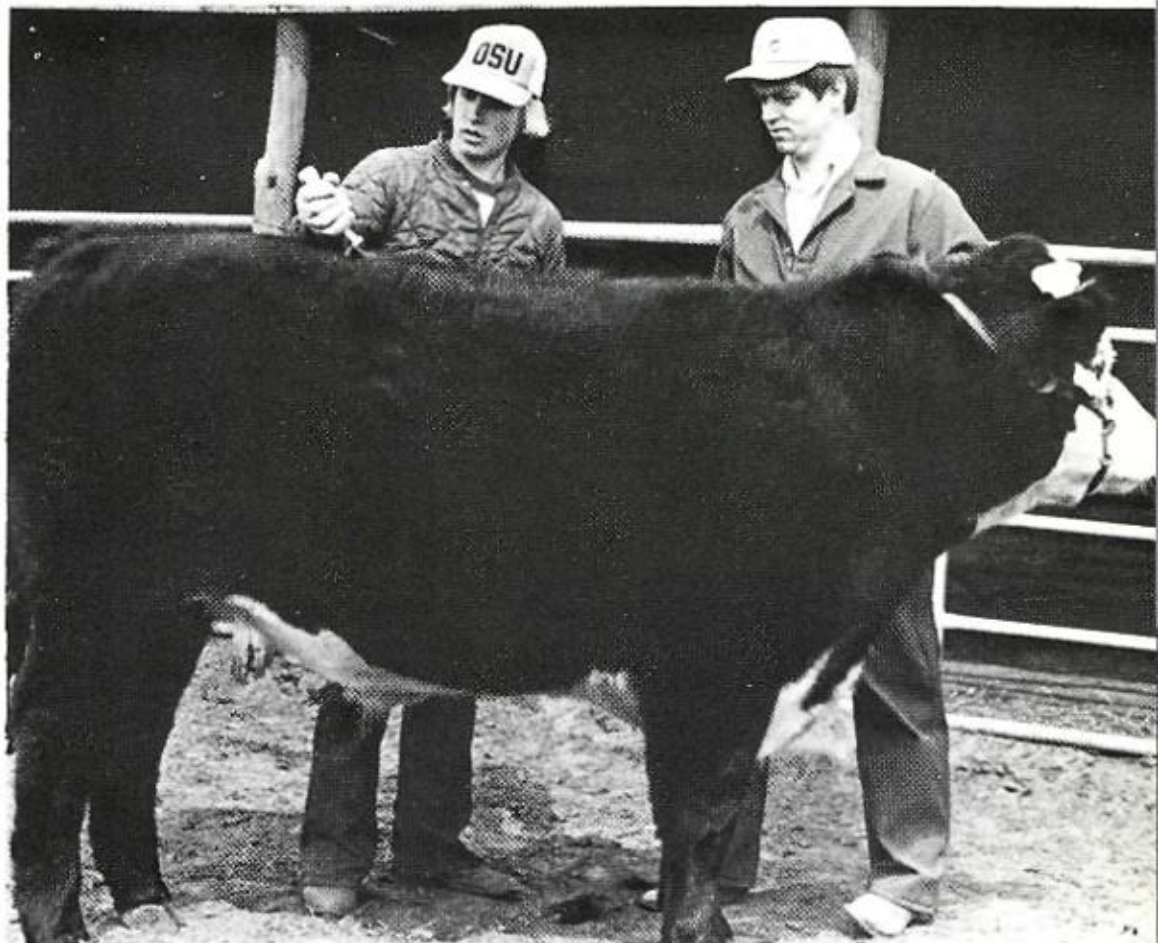
Animals occupied the life of most FFA'ers this year. It seemed like a never-ending chore, feeding them, grooming them, keeping them healthy for the various shows. Above left, Merritt Roberts checks his barrows prior to Pott. County Show. Above, Randy Gilbert displays a charming pet. Below, Greg Hillerman combs his mixed breed steer for competition as Adviser Rick Shelby gives approval. Left, FFA students James Seckel, Kathy Donovan and Kevin Smith help veterinarian vaccinate dog for a Tecumseh citizen.



FFA STUDENTS STAY OCCUPIED IN 1977

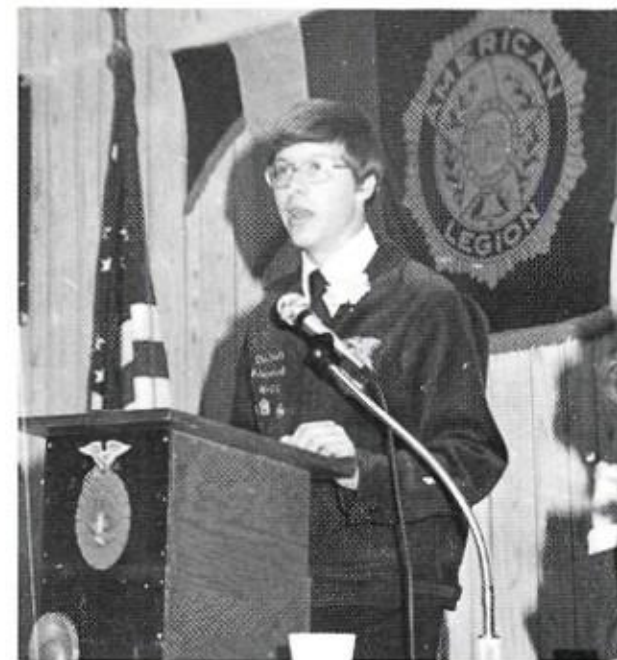
There was little time to loaf this year, as FFA chapter members participated in the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, and during March we held the annual Tecumseh Fat Stock Show. This was a preview and warmup for the Pott County Fat Stock Show only hours later.

Indeed, Tecumseh FFA had a fine year, filled with adventure and capped off with our encampment.





Miss Della Hysell, CENTER, poses with her attendants and escorts. She was one of six finalists in the state FFA Sweetheart Contest. PICTURED, LEFT TO RIGHT, are Steve Clark, Jayne Garner, James Faulkner, Miss Hysell, FFA President Tim Holt, Rick Dossey, and Patti Roller.



President Tim Holt addresses crowd at this year's banquet.

FFA BANQUET GALA EVENT

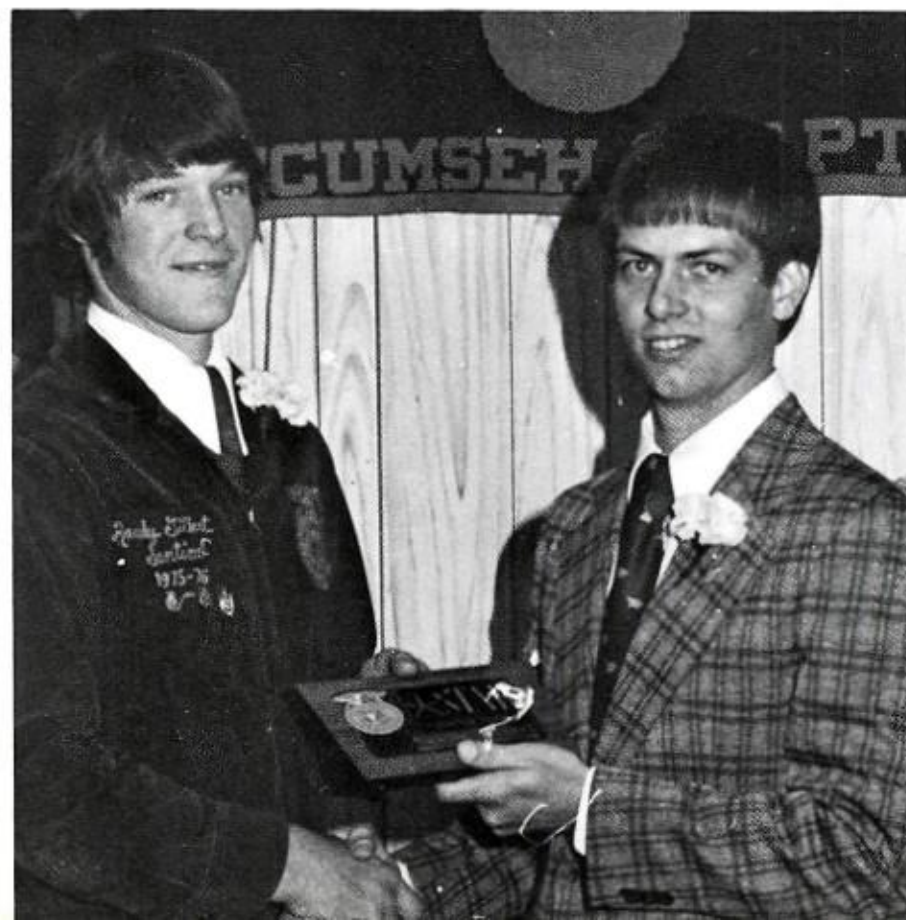


Doyle Roller presents Matt Brown memorial award to energetic FFA member Greg Hillerman.



Juniors Tonya Furr and Janet Amerson review significant achievements made during year. BELOW, Mr. Shelby presents Star Chapter Farmer Award to junior Randy Gilbert.

BELOW, Mr. Shelby presents John McMahan with sheep production award.





FFA STUDENTS EARN AWARDS THROUGH EFFORT

AWARD WINNERS 1976-77. PICTURED, LEFT TO RIGHT, are some of the FFA members honored at this year's banquet -- Tim Kinsey and Danny Standridge (sophomore scholarship); Jimmy Seals (freshman scholarship); Bryan Clemens (dairy); Chris Pool (senior scholarship and DeKalb Award); David Qualls (freshman scholarship); Greg Hillerman (senior scholarship and Matt Brown Award); Carol Essary (forestry, speech, poultry, junior scholarship); Randy Gilbert, (farmstead improvement and Star Farmer Award). Not pictured is Delbert Roller (crop, swine and beef production). Other winners not pictured are Keith Hayes, Jeff McLoud, Tim Holt, John McMahan, Merritt Roberts, Roby Spicer, Kathy Donovan.



Patti Roller, ABOVE, receives Star Greenhand Award from Mr. Larry Smith, one of our two FFA advisers.

The banquet featured Central District Vice President Dennis Lindsey as guest speaker who urged us to "look beyond the clique that ag people are dumb farmers to the reality they are really the leaders of America. "

FFA Sweetheart Della Hysell and Escort James Faulkner smile following this year's banquet at American Legion Hall in Tecumseh in early May.





FFA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Tommy Thompson, Carol Essary, Tim Holt, Delbert Roller, Steve Clark. STANDING, Leona Smith, Marvin Junk, Kathy Amerson, John McMahan, Jeff McLoud, James Faulkner, Doug Love, Craig Rogers, Bryan Clemens, Merritt Roberts.



FFA PUBLIC SPEAKERS. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Kathy Donovan, Carol Essary, Patti Rolles, Diana Helton, Della Hysell. STANDING, James Faulkner, Chris Pool, Mike Buckmaster, Billy Copeland, Tim Holt, Merritt Roberts, Jeff McLoud.



FFA FARM SHOP TEAM. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, James Faulkner, Tommy Thompson, Rick Richards. STANDING, Doug Love, Marvin Junk, Mickey Chastain.



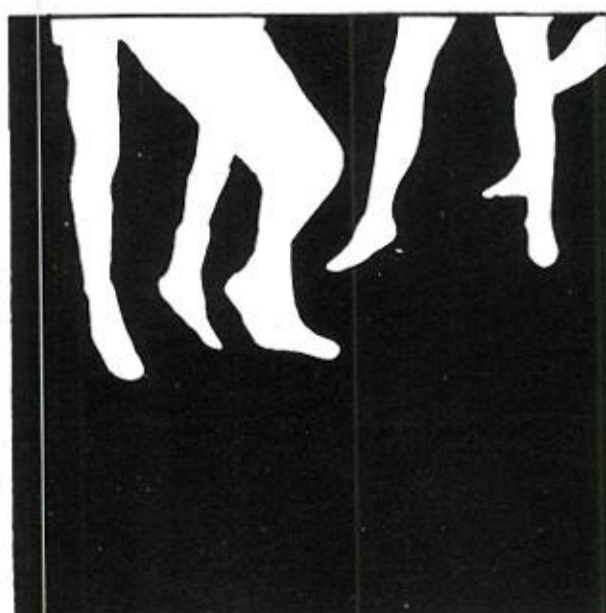
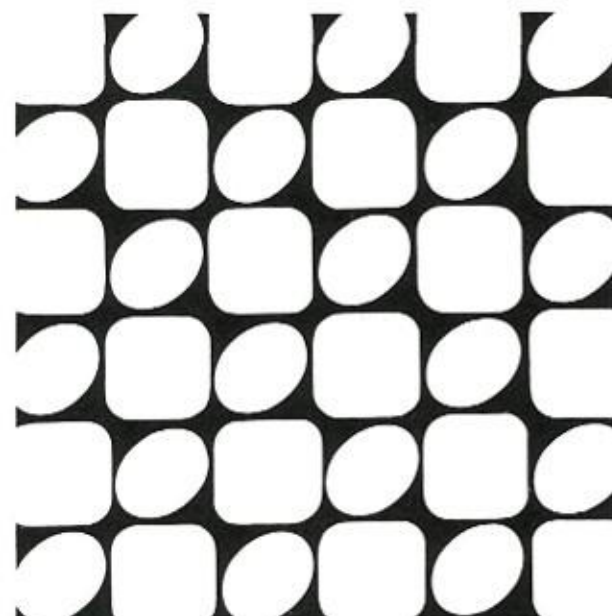
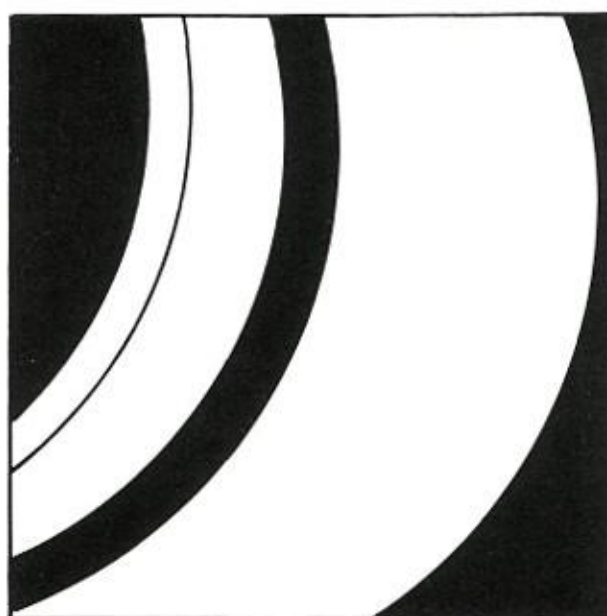
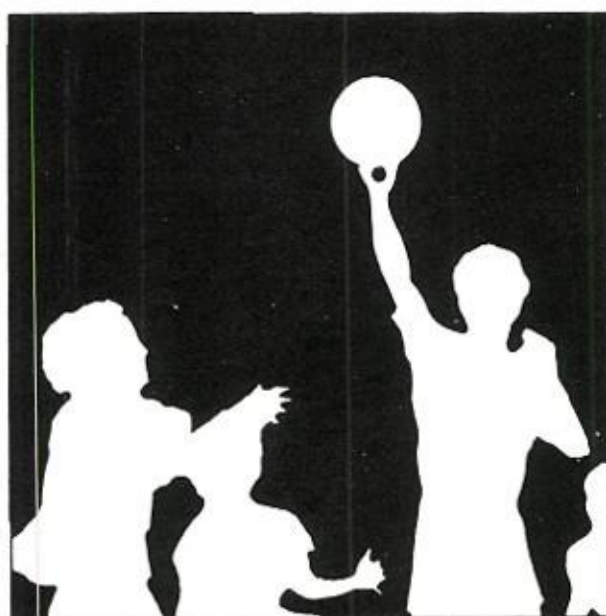
FFA MEAT JUDGING TEAM. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Janet Amerson, Patti Roller, Tonya Furr, Diane Helton. STANDING, Tim Holt, Steve Clark, John McMahan.

FFA LAND JUDGING TEAM. LEFT TO RIGHT Craig Coker, Delbert Roller, Dennis Simon, Greg Ball.

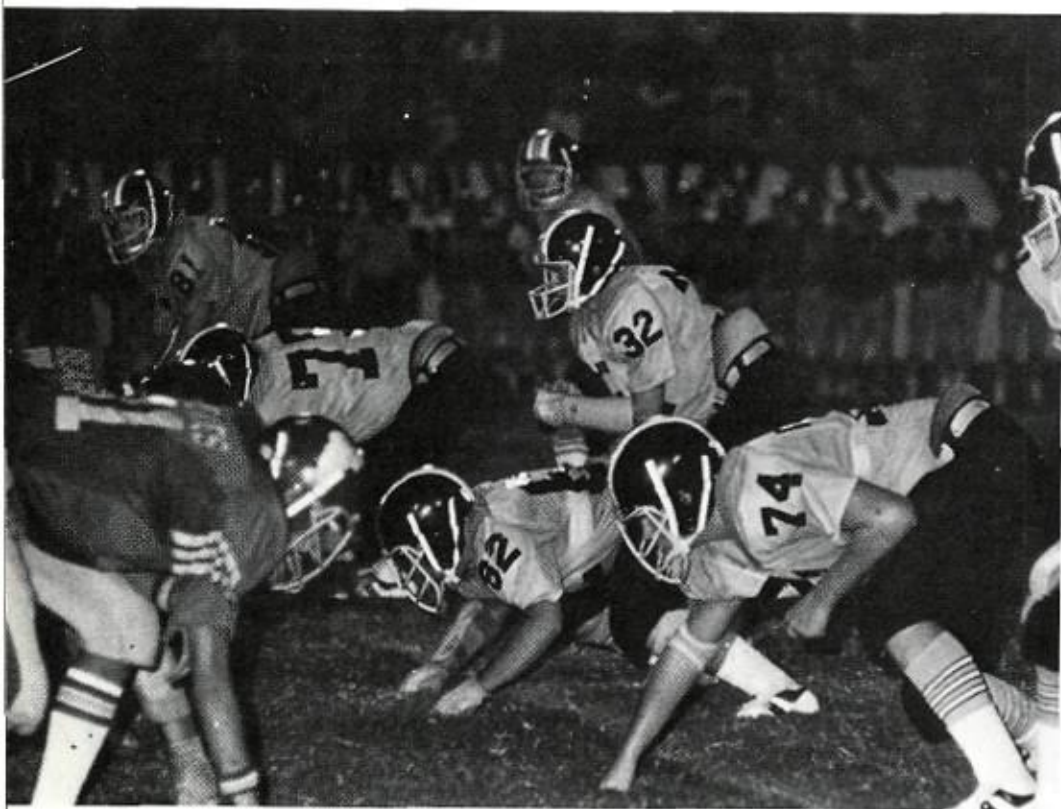


FFA DAIRY JUDGING TEAM. LEFT TO RIGHT, Jeff McLoud, Leona Smith, Chris Pool, Bryan Clemens.

ATHLETICS

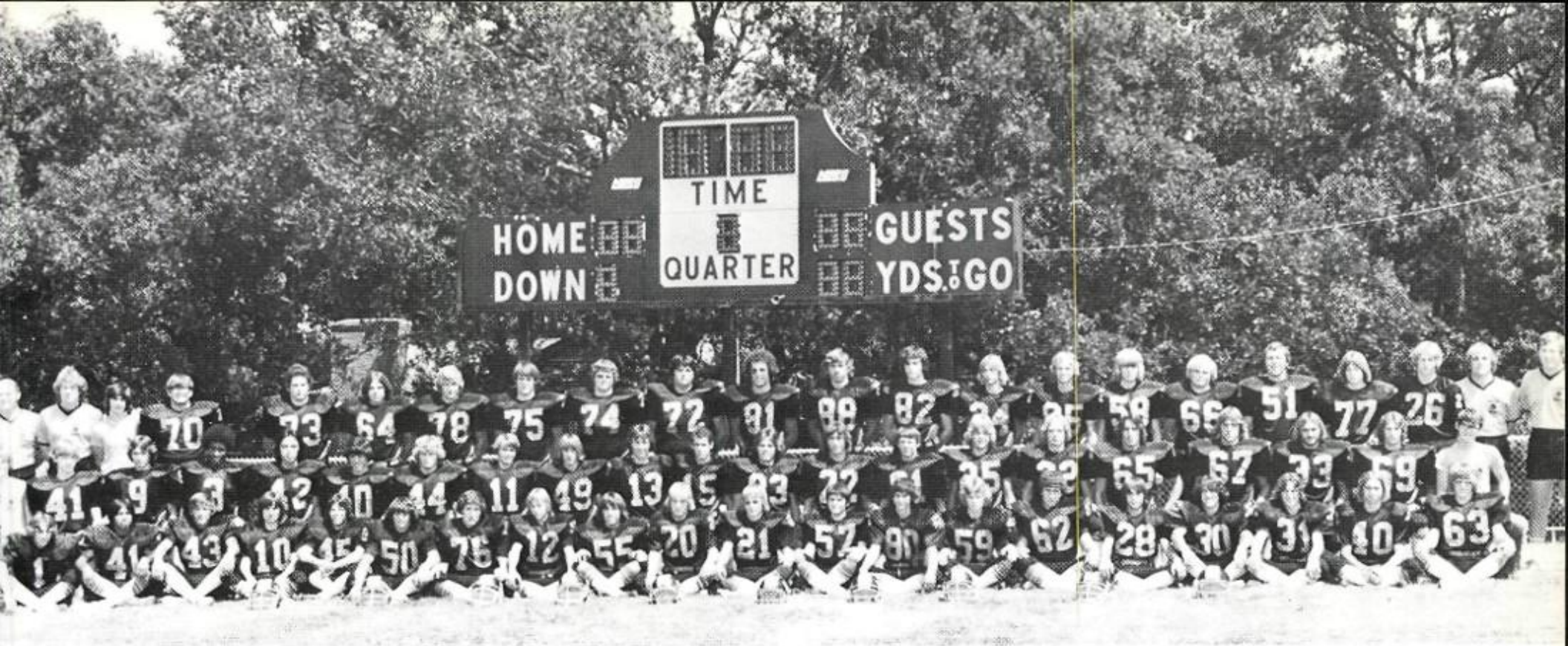


TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



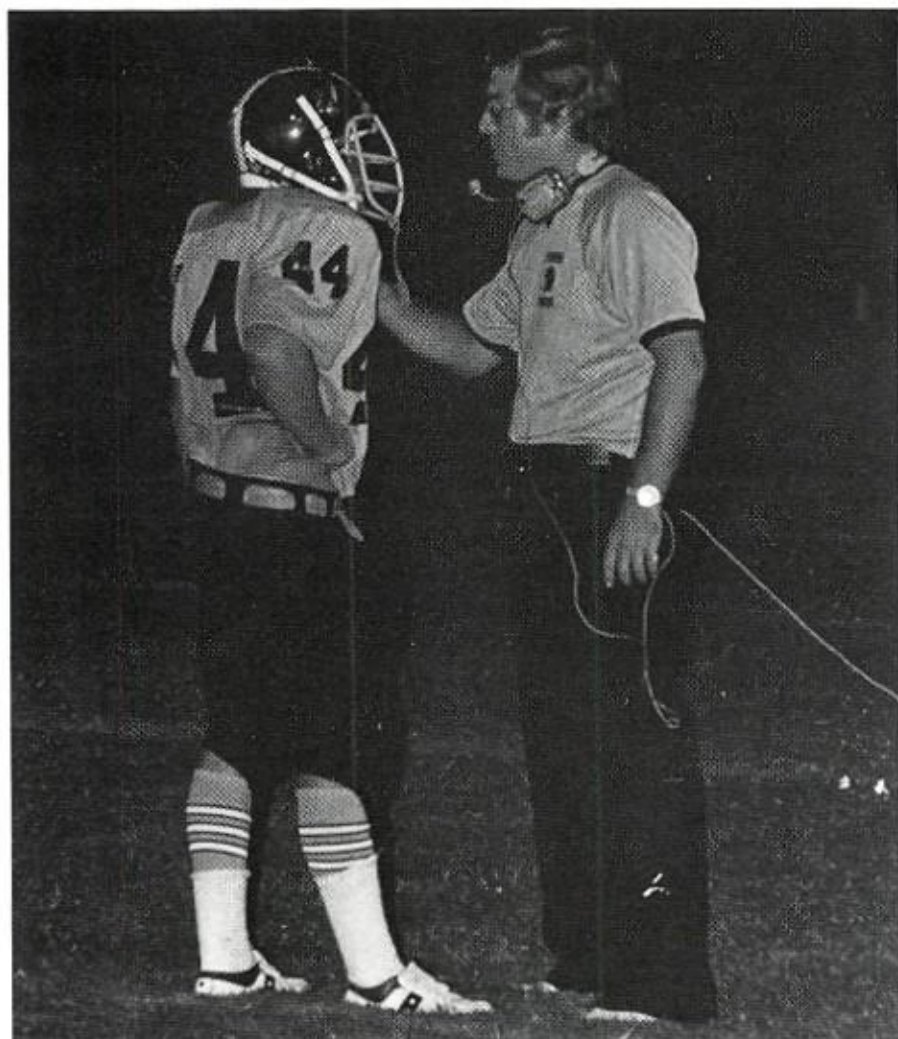
The '76 football season was a rebuilding one for the mighty Savages. All of the coaches, with the exception of one, started their first year at Tecumseh High. And there was plenty of play action, as these photographs depict. ABOVE, Mike Crauthers, in light jersey, attempts reception of a deflected pass against Seminole. LEFT, powerful Savage defensive unit awaits snap of ball at Noble. BELOW, Vick Tate, Ricky Yates and Bill White pursue a Cushing back for loss.





TECUMSEH FOOTBALL TEAM 1976. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Mike Crauthers, Keith Longhorn, Billy Seals, Tony Miller, Franky Yates, Danny Bennett, John Belshe, Billy Copeland, Jimmy Hopkins, Ricky Yates, Joe Van Arnum, Brian Clemens, Neil Anderson, Mitch Caulder, David Dudley, Steve Clark, Phillip McRae, Doug Love, Mark French, Danny Ledford. KNEELING, Billy Neighbors, Ron Austin, Chris Pool, Clifford Ryan, Bobby Whitebird, Denny Hubbell, Bill White, David Anderson, Buddy Scarberry, Tommy Wilsie, Merritt Roberts, Jeff Perry, Doug McLin, David Earls, Mike Bussey, Vick Tate, Alan Bennett, Greg Buckmaster, Jim Sigman, Scott Buckmaster, Joe Boring (manager). STANDING, Coach J.R. Murray, Coach Stan Beesley, Jimmy Youker (manager), Marty Morris, Brian Newby, Pat Upton, Ted Belshe, Randy Gilbert, Ricky Starks, Bill Nabors, David Harris, Robert Wallace, Robin Talley, Richie Clemens, Darren Asher, Charles Crane, Terry Roberson, Mike Higgins, Randy Starks, Keith Cox, Coach Ken Praytor, Head Coach Paul Sternberger.

BELOW, Coach Sternberger gives defensive strategy to Bill White in opener with Noble, which Savages won. RIGHT, piloting the Savages' football fortunes this season were Head Coach Paul Sternberger, KNEELING, and Coaches Ken Praytor, J.R. Murray and Stan Beesley.





ALL-DISTRICT PLAYERS

1st Team Defense: LB Bill White, and secondary Tommy Wilsie.
2nd Team Offense: Quarterback Tommie Wilsie, Fullback Bill White, Guard Terry Roberson, Center Mike Higgins
Honorable Mention: Offense, Halfback Mike Bussey. Defense, Guard Pat Upton; End Jeff Perry; Tackle Ted Belshe.

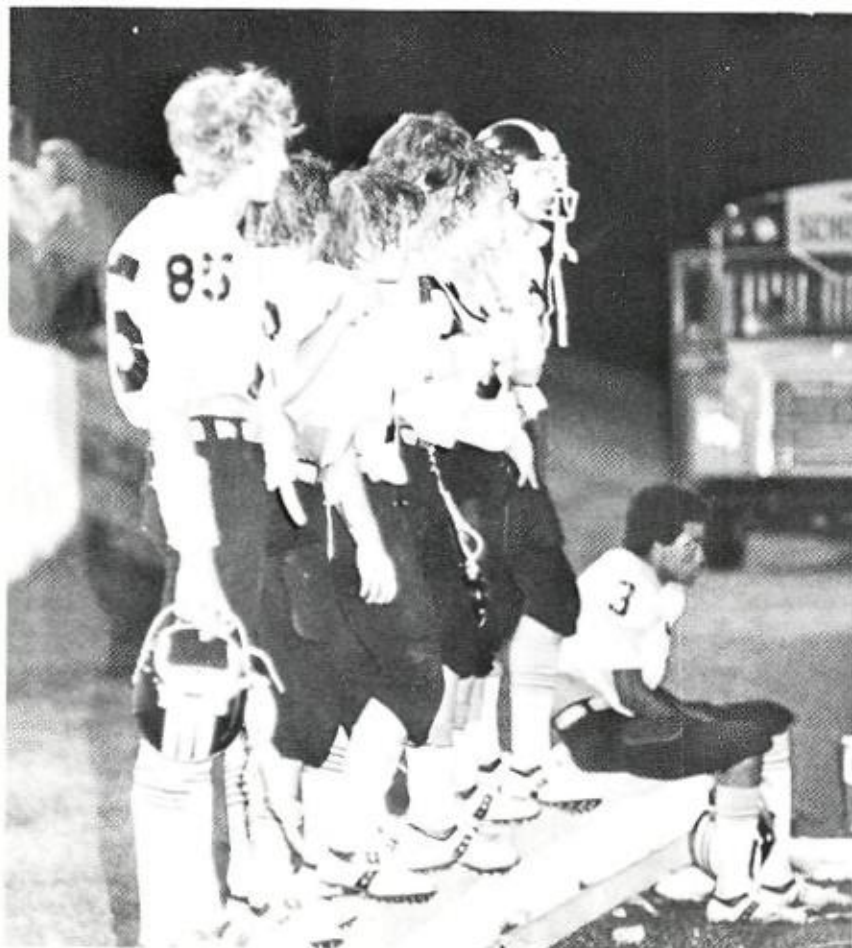
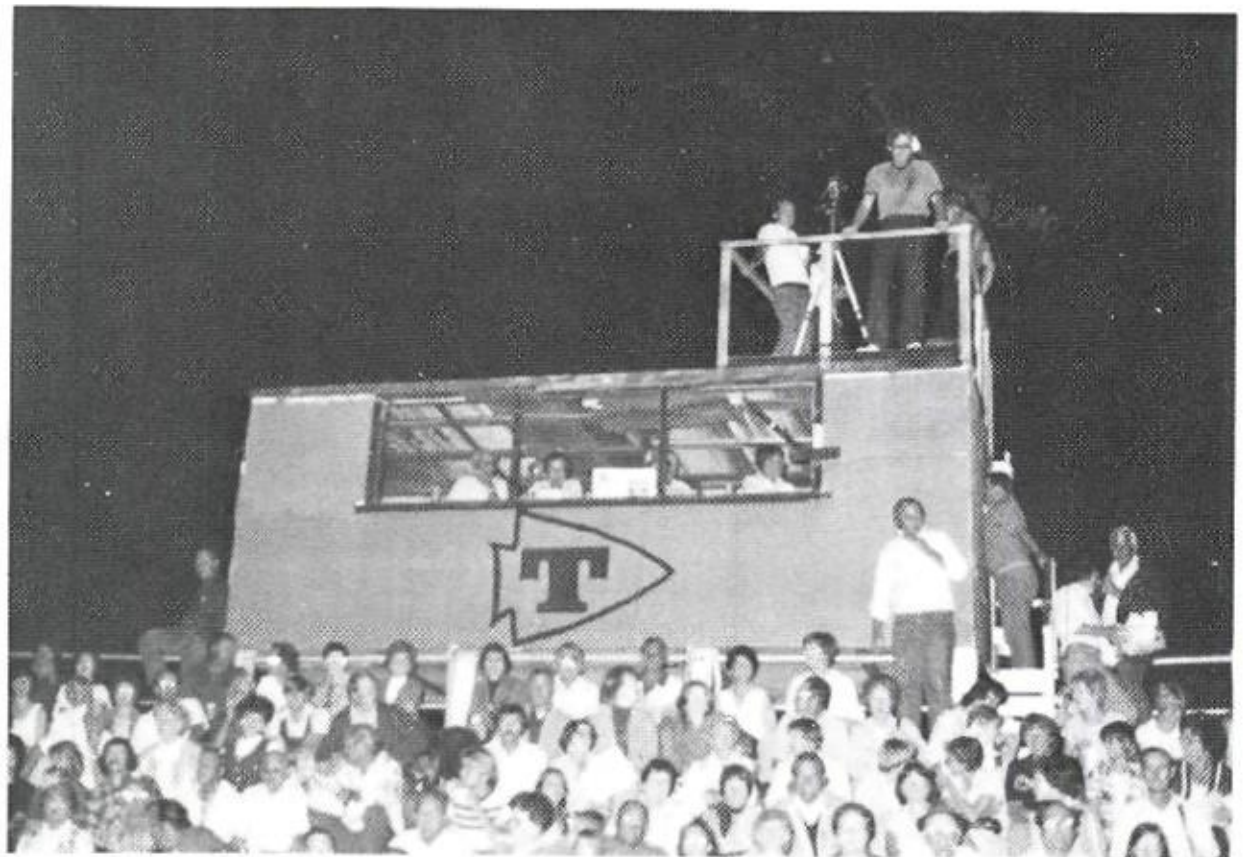
ALL-DISTRICT PLAYERS '76. LEFT TO RIGHT Tommy Wilsie, Ted Belshe, Terry Roberson, Pat Upton, Bill White, Mike Bussey, Mike Higgins, Jeff Perry.

ANOTHER



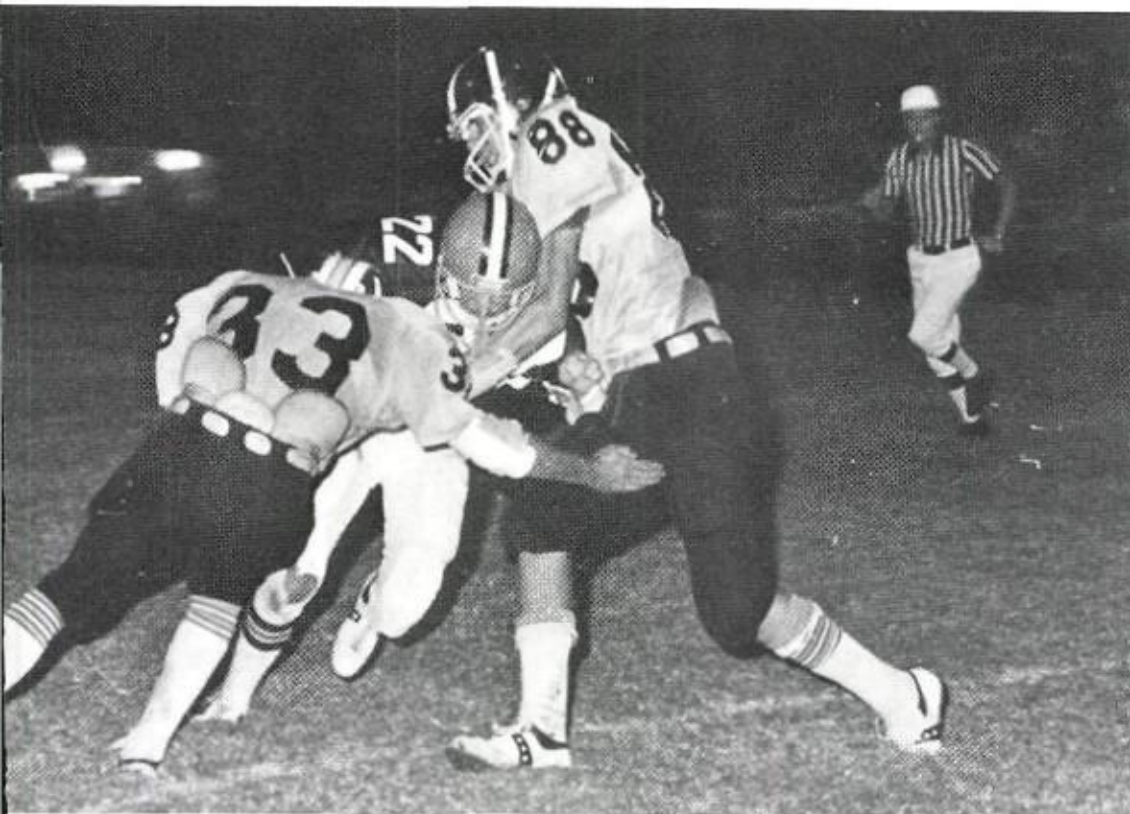
SAVAGE TD.!

Savage players stand on bench for better view during Noble battle.



Faithful camera crew, officials in booth and dyed-in-the-wool Savage fans are backing the THS team!

LEFT, Head Coach Paul Sternberger



SEASON RECORD

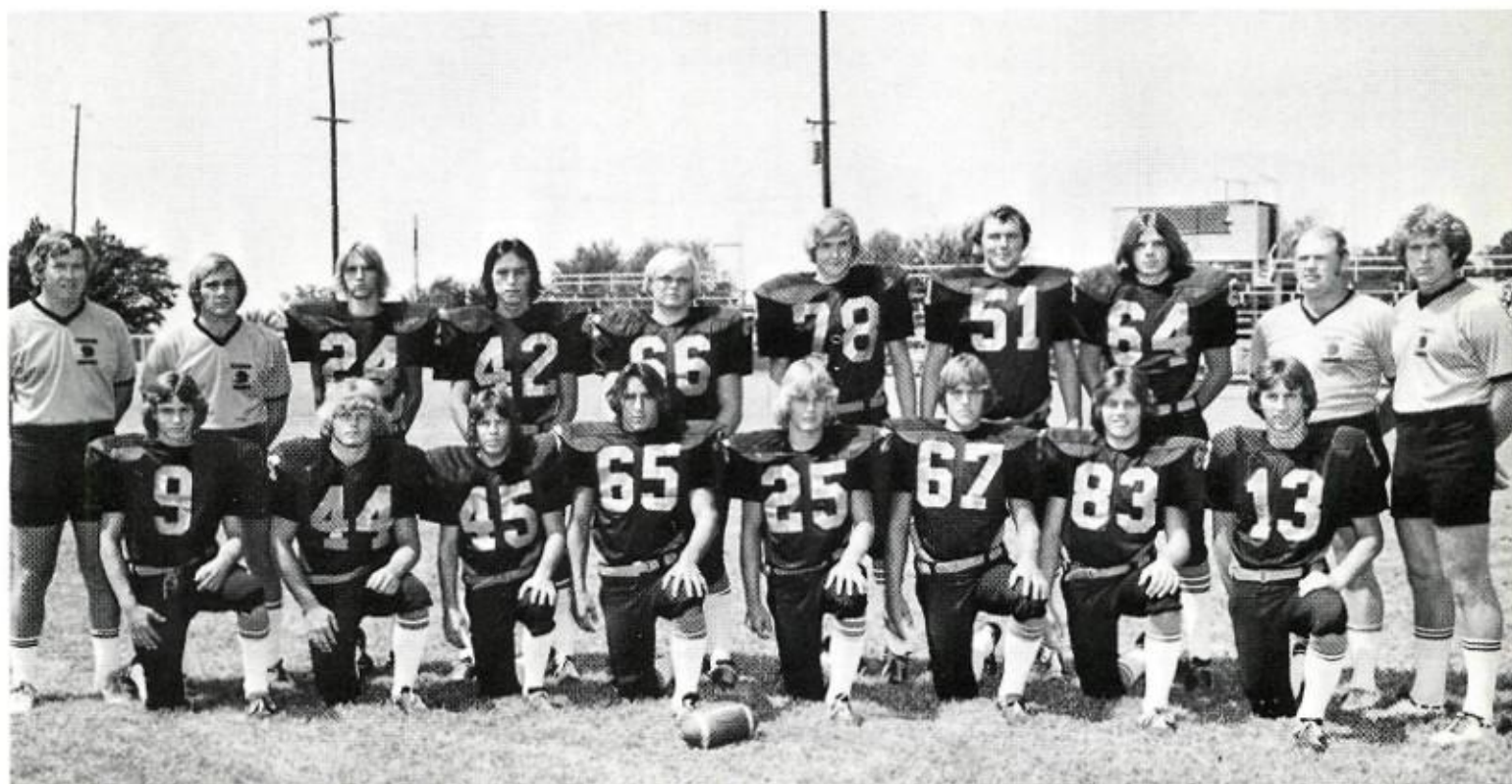
THS		OPPONENTS
14	Noble	7
20	Chandler	0
0	Cushing	18
28	Wewoka	26
6	Heritage Hall	0
14	Seminole	29
26	Holdenville	6
0	Bristow	21
13	Henryetta	0
12	Crooked Oak (Overtime)	19



TOP LEFT, Robert Wallace and Jim Sigman crunch a Cushing player. ABOVE, David Harris makes a quick penetration on a kickoff. MIDDLE RIGHT, Tommy Wilsie tries for an extra point.

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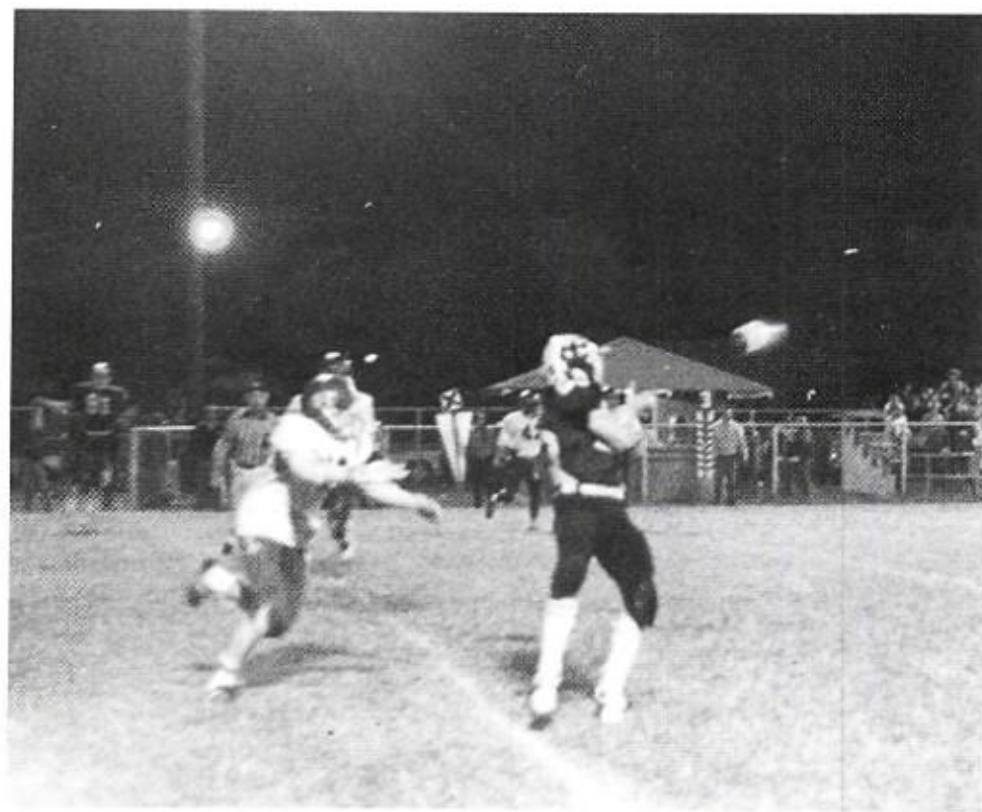
KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Chris Pool, Bill White, Franky Yates, Alan Bennett, Mike Bussey, Greg Buckmaster, Jeff Perry, Tommy Wilsie, STANDING, Coach Paul Sternberger, Coach Ken Praytor, Richie Clemens, Bobby Whitebird, Terry Roberson, Ted Belshe, Mike Higgins, Pat Upton, Coach J.R. Murray, Coach Stan Beesley.





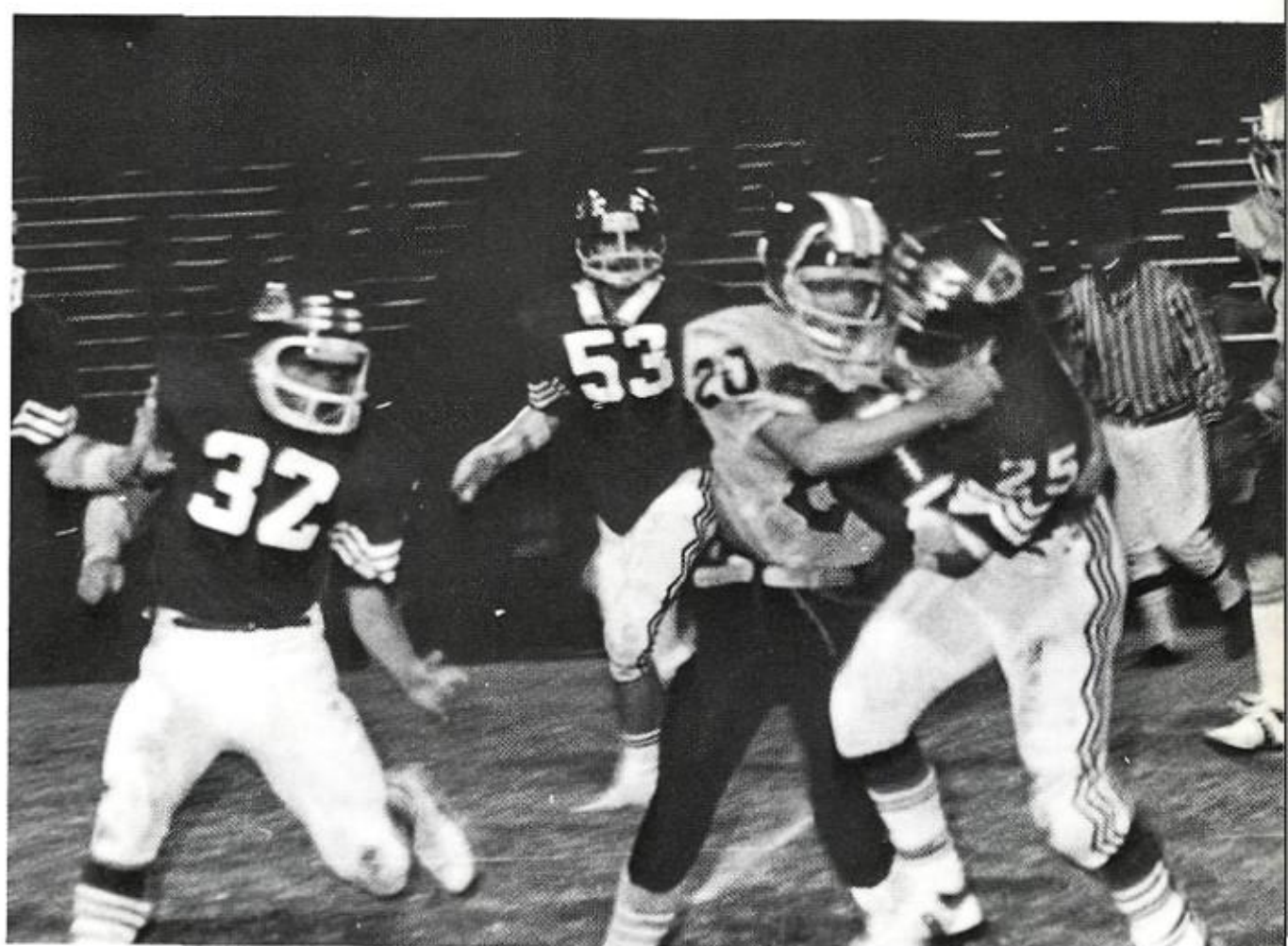
SAVAGES JUST MISS PLAYOFF BERTH

The Savage football team missed by only one game going to the state playoffs the third year in a row. Strong in non-district games, the Savages lost three key district battles -- to Cushing, Bristow and Seminole -- which caused missing the playoffs. Left, Mike Crauthers destroys a Seminole Chieftain running back. Below right, Mike Bussey successfully received a pass against Holdenville Wolverines for long yardage. Below left, Senimole runner meets speedy Tecumseh defense led by David Dudley who is assisted by Mike Higgins and Brian Newby.





LEFT, sharp-looking Savage offense lines up against the Noble Bears. BELOW, Tommy Wilsie crosses the goal on a quarterback sneak for another touchdown against Oklahoma City's Heritage Hall, as referee signals he got the TD.



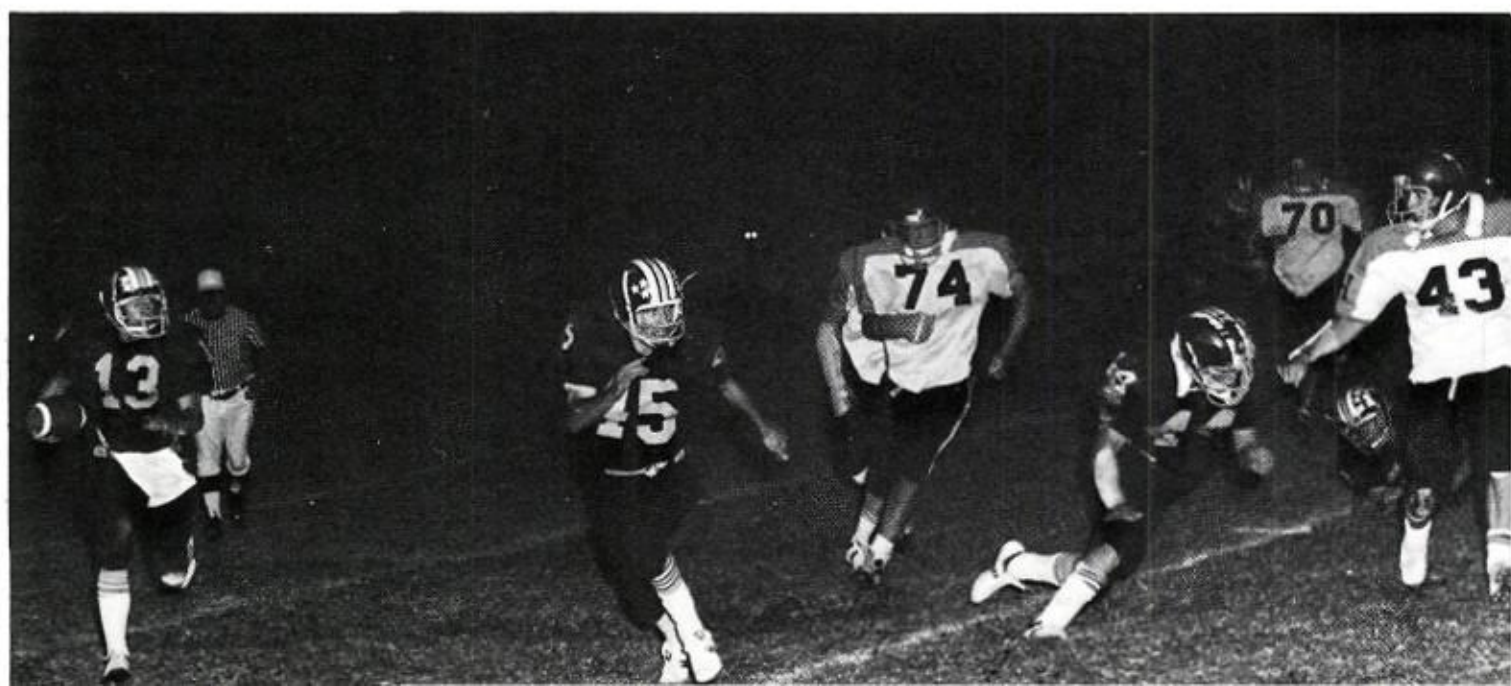
Coach Paul Sternberger, ABOVE, gives his instructions impressively during opener with Noble. RIGHT, Rick Yates smacks Seminole runner for five-yard loss.



SAVAGES
UNLEASH
GRIDIRON
POWER



Mike Bussey, TOP LEFT, cranks off tough yardage with an assisting block from Doug McLin against Wewoka. MIDDLE RIGHT, playing in drenching downpour of rain, the Savages holt a Henryetta Hen to chalk up another victory. ABOVE, in a huddle at Noble, where Savages took it to the Bears for first win of season. BELOW RIGHT, Tommy Wilsie sweeps around end with lead blocks by Franky Yates and Bill White.

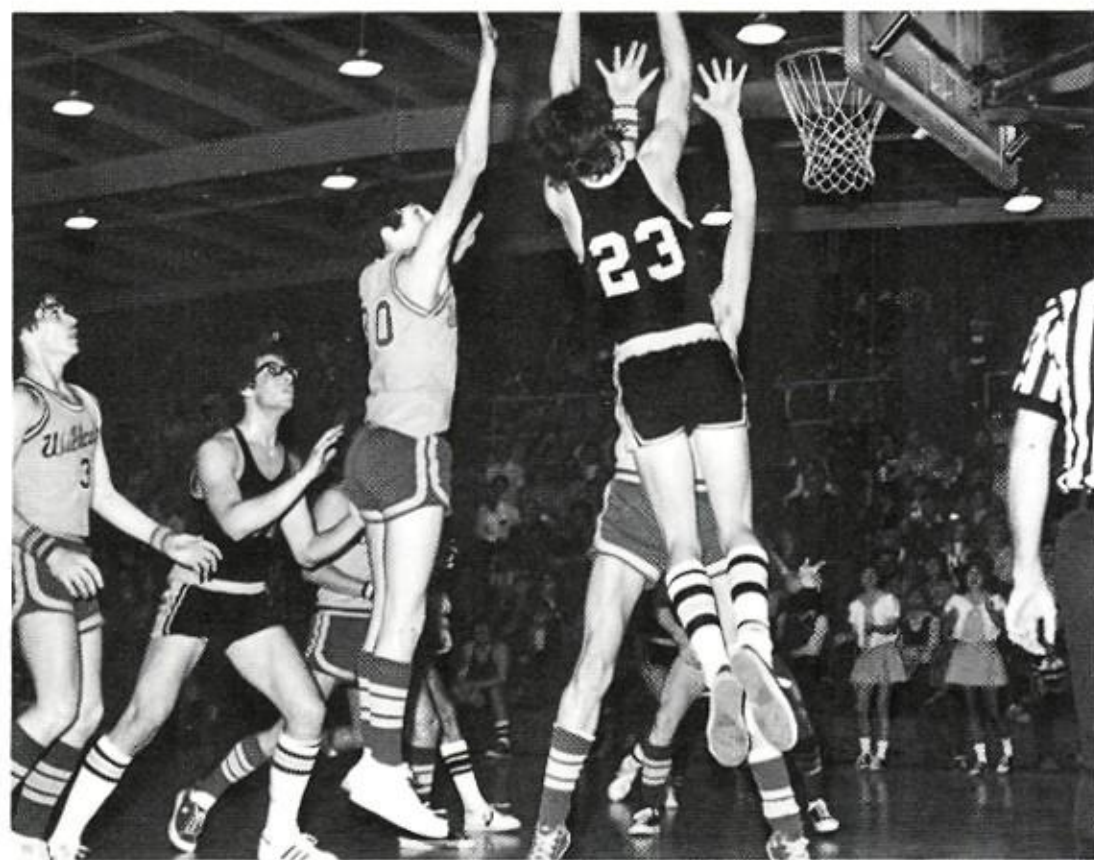




The Savages were exciting to watch this year, as these pictures show. TOP LEFT, Halfback Doug McLin scoots around end with Bill White and Pat Upton leading interference. TOP RIGHT, Mike Bussey snags pass for long gainer. MIDDLE LEFT, a few Savages pose on the sideline. ABOVE, Tom Wilsie takes off like a jet. LEFT, Fullback Bill White follows for first down as big Terry Roberson bulldozes path.



BOYS BASKETBALL



Tecumseh's Terry McCullar leaps high from the corner to bag two points as a host of Bethel Wildcats attempt to stop him. THS's center, David Harris, LEFT, stands ready to help.

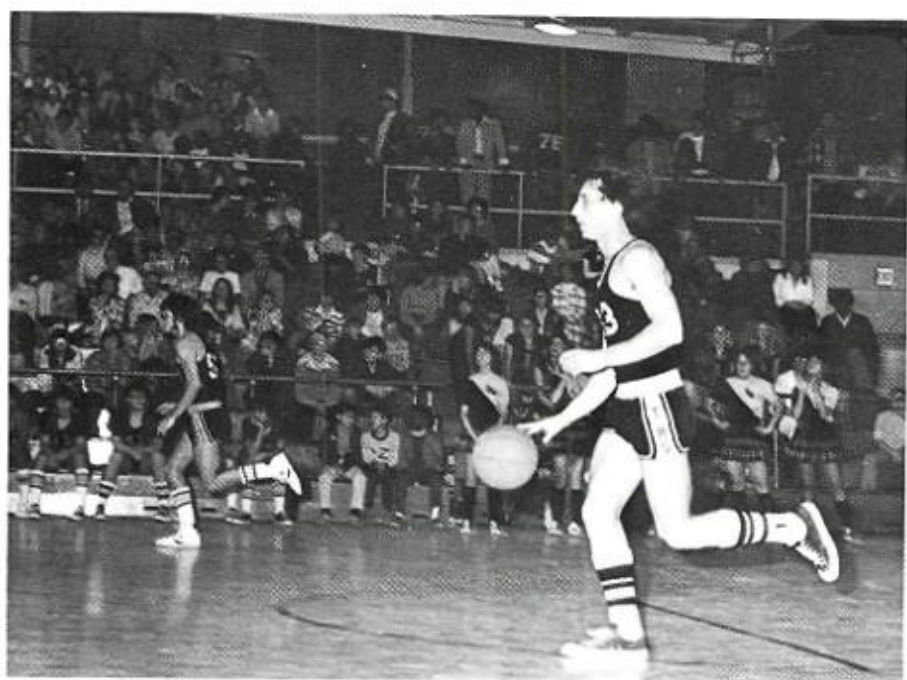
'YOUNG' SAVAGES LACK EXPERIENCE

A season record of 2-22. Sounds terrible, horrible. And it was that kind of year for the Tecumseh boys basketball squad, who played a super tough schedule. Several games could have easily gone either way in the closing minutes--but they didn't. Our inexperience was quite evident.

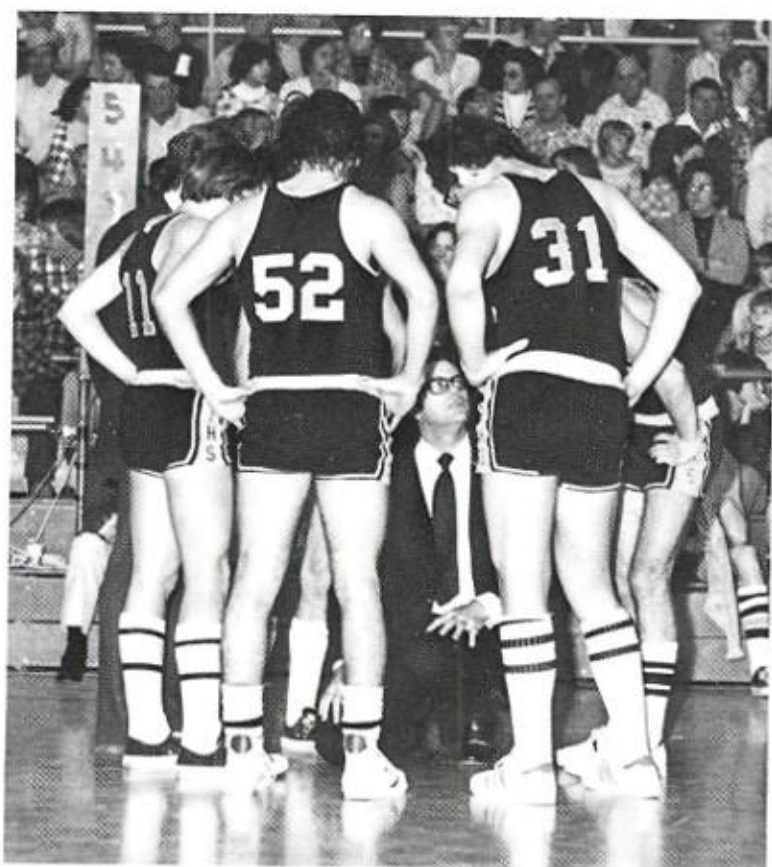
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM 1976-77. KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Van Stacey, Chuck Littleton, Silas Hill, Kirk Washburn, Keith Longhorn, Daniel Washburn, Merritt Roberts, Jack Arrasmith, Mike Crauthers, Alan Brady, Tarvis Johnson. STANDING, Coach Bob Avery, David Anderson, Ricky Folks, Terry McCullar, Robin Talley, Ricky Starks, David Harris, Robert Wallace, Donny Clark, Jay Watkins, Bobby Pecore, Tommy Wilsie and Assistant Coach Stan Beesley.



THS



Senior guard Tommy Wilsie flashes down the court in Pott County Tourney against Dale's Pirates. BELOW, Coach Bob Avery talks with his team in brief time out period.

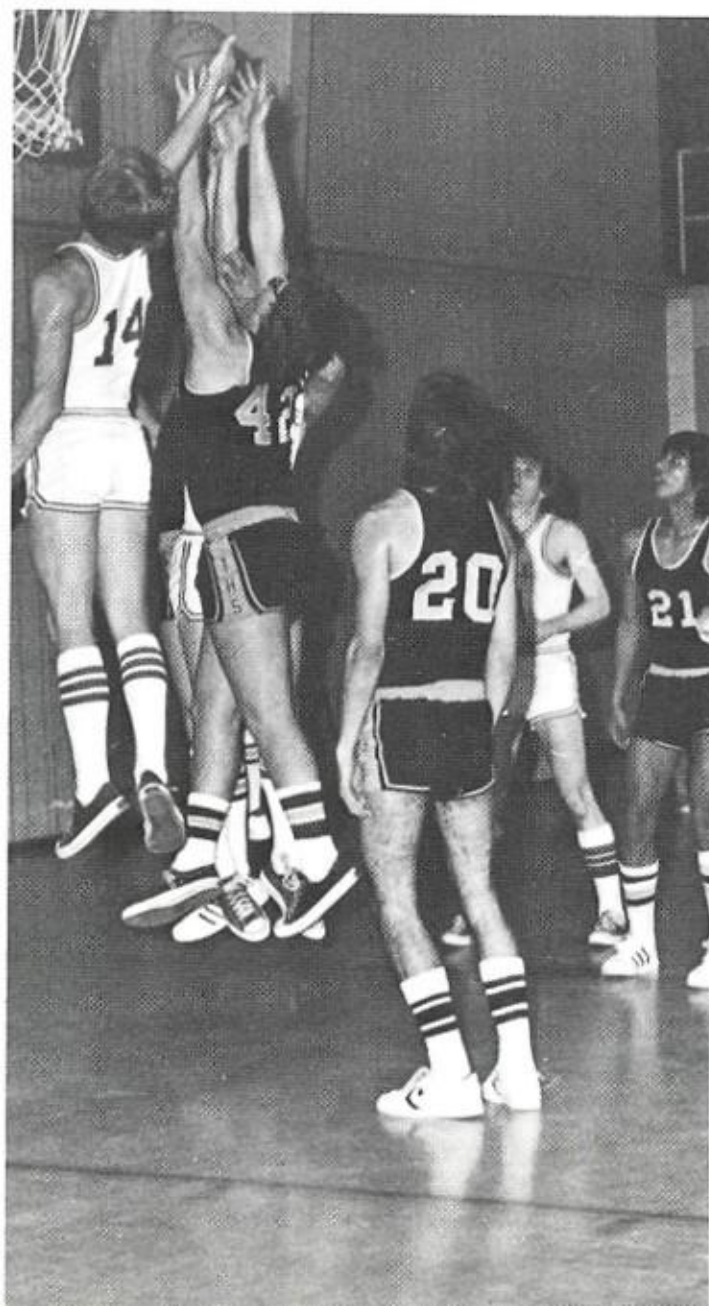


SAVAGES HIT WARPATH AGAINST STIFF OPPOSITION

Head Basketball Coach Bob Avery is concerned about an official's call. Leaving Tecumseh after 14 years, he'll coach McLoud's Redskins next year -- which THS defeated twice this year for only victories.



Big THS center David Harris leaps skyward for tipoff in Pott County Tourney, while BELOW, Ricky Starks fights for a rebound.





ABOVE, Keith Longhorn, Ricky Starks and Jay Watkins work the ball swiftly to set up a Savage field goal. Watkins was later named the Savage's outstanding player for the year. BELOW, Bobby Pecore receives congratulations from McCloud Redskin's player after Tecumseh's first victory of the year.



Forward Terry McCullar tries for goal outside the circle.

NOT MANY WINS, BUT THS TRIES

Only one player graduated from this year's team: Tommy Wilsie.

Optimism thus oozes for THS's chances for an outstanding season next year.

Considered another bonus for the locals is they will be next year playing the same teams as the Savages play in football. Some of these schools are considered "weak sisters" when it comes to good basketball squads.

"Four seasoned lettermen will return next year," said Coach Bob Avery. The team will definitely be stronger. They simply needed combat experience, which they got this year. "

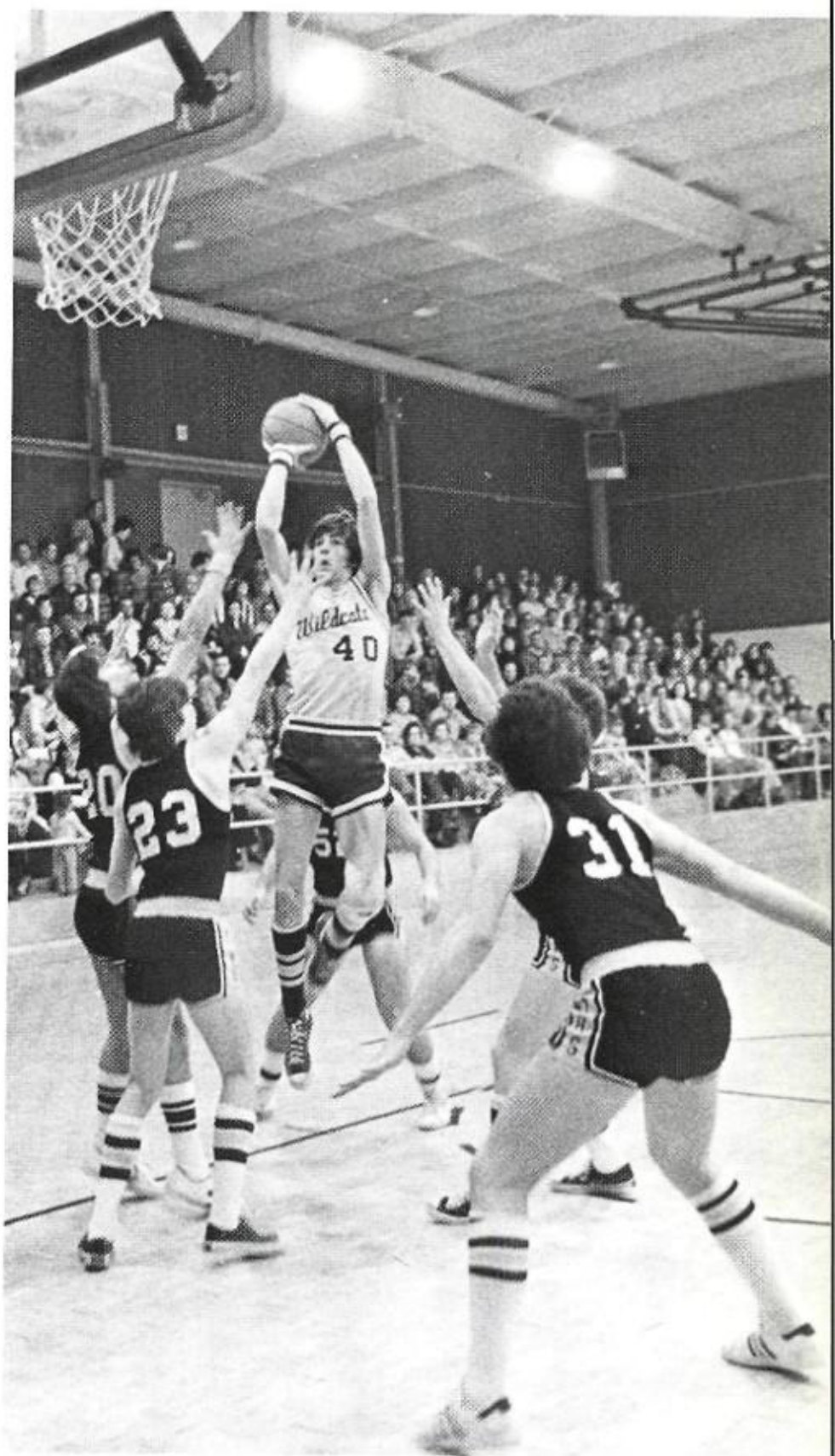


Hustle like shown by the Savage's Tommy Wilsie, MIDDLE, help beat the McCloud Redskins.



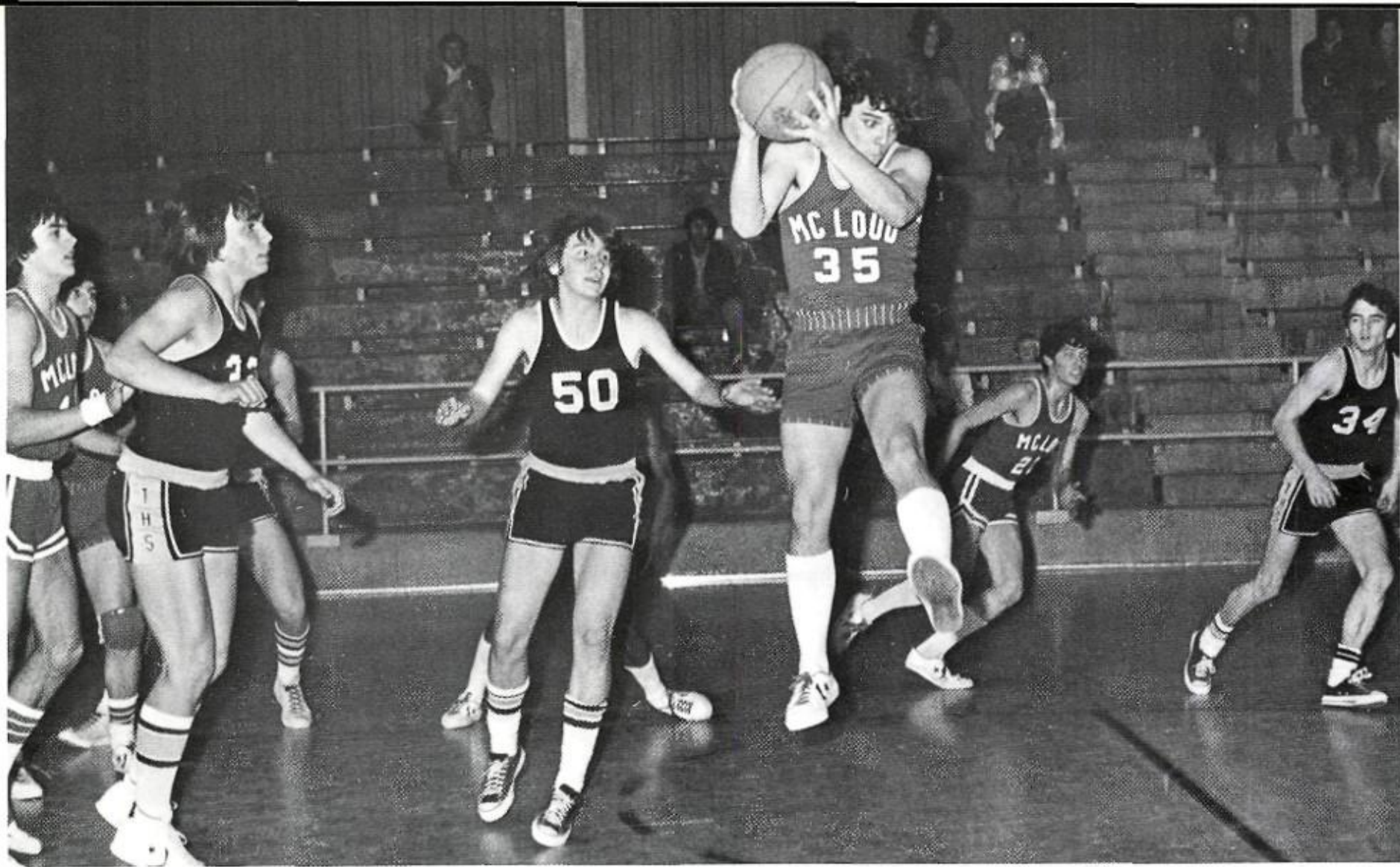


Merritt Roberts takes a free throw shot in close, tense game. RIGHT, entire Tecumseh team tries to hem in a McCloud Redskin player. BELOW, Savage Jay Watkins puts magic on ball in underhand shot for a basket.



Tecumseh's David Anderson, FOREGROUND, is off to the races in this superb action photo. Bethel Wildcats were trying to pass ball into their surrounded player.





'B' TEAM EXPLODES

A McCloud player leaps for his life as a Savage band of Donnie Clark, Danny Washburn and Van Stacey close in on him. Hustling play of "B" team members spells trouble for foes next year.



Defense is as good as a superb offense. ABOVE, four Tecumseh defenders surround an enemy player, causing an off-balance shot.

Coaching the "B" team this year was Stan Beesley. A dedicated coach, he strove for one thing: victories.



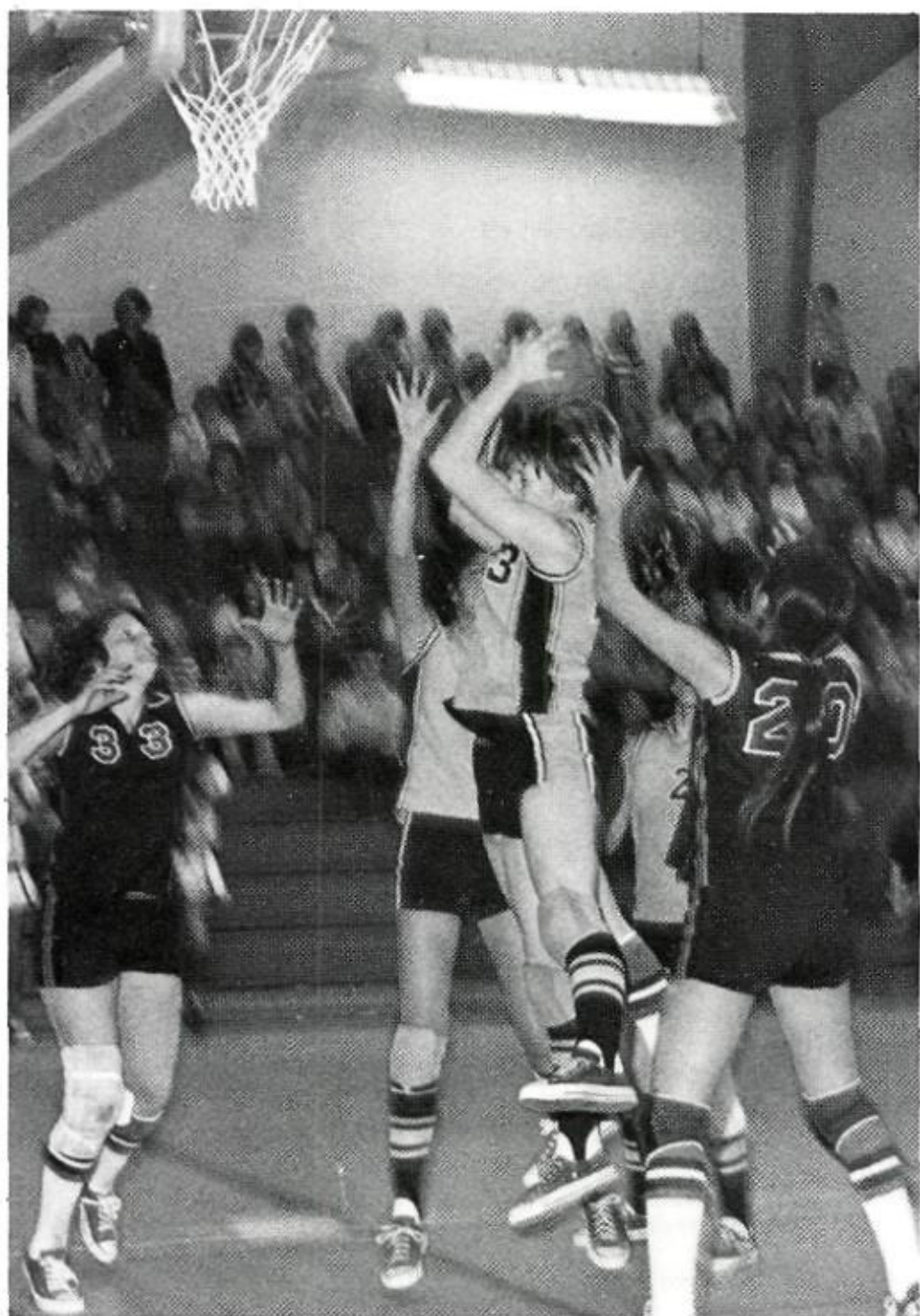
Rebounding skyward is Danny Washburn as Chuck Littleton and Bob Wallis stand by to help.

SAVAGETTES PROVIDE ACTION IN REGIONAL PLAY-OFFS



*GIRLS
TEAM
EXCITING*

"YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!" This amply pictures the THS girls basketball team of 1977, shown ABOVE warming up before their regional playoff game against Meeker's Bulldogs at Seminole Junior College. To get this far, they had demolished Seminole and Holdenville in the district tournament at Wewoka earlier. Meeker won, then the Savagettes beat Purcell, then were eliminated from going to state by Purcell. After a dismal season last year, our girls came back!



You want action? Savagettes Teresa Harrison, Laurie Hulin and Joni Mihura dish it out against a tough Meeker Bulldog team.

Tecumseh gets tip-off at start of regional play against Meeker as tall Teresa Harrison barely outjumps scrappy opponent.



"Oh no you don't!" says THS guard Jan Coffey as she snags a rebound in regional cage battle. Hustle, determination and dedication, as this dramatic photo depicts, were the watch-words of this year's girls team. They came out with a 11-15 record.

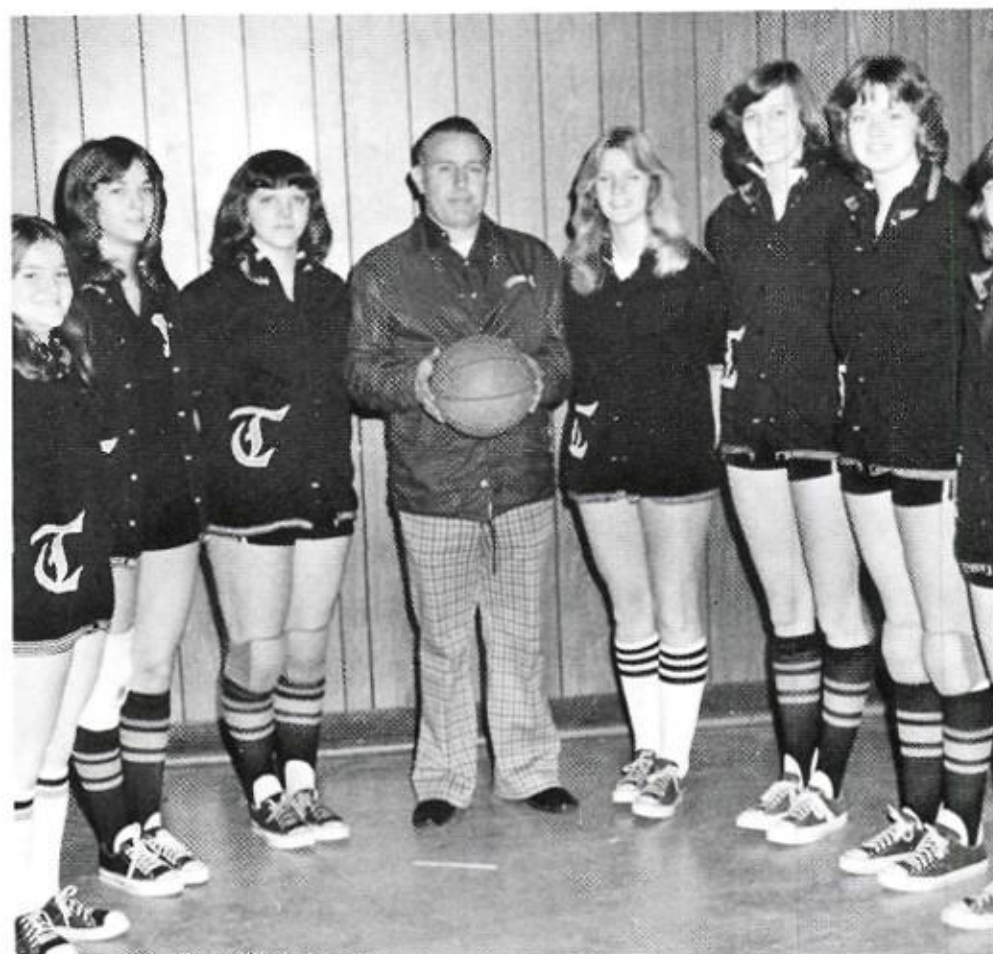
THS GIRLS BASKETBALL

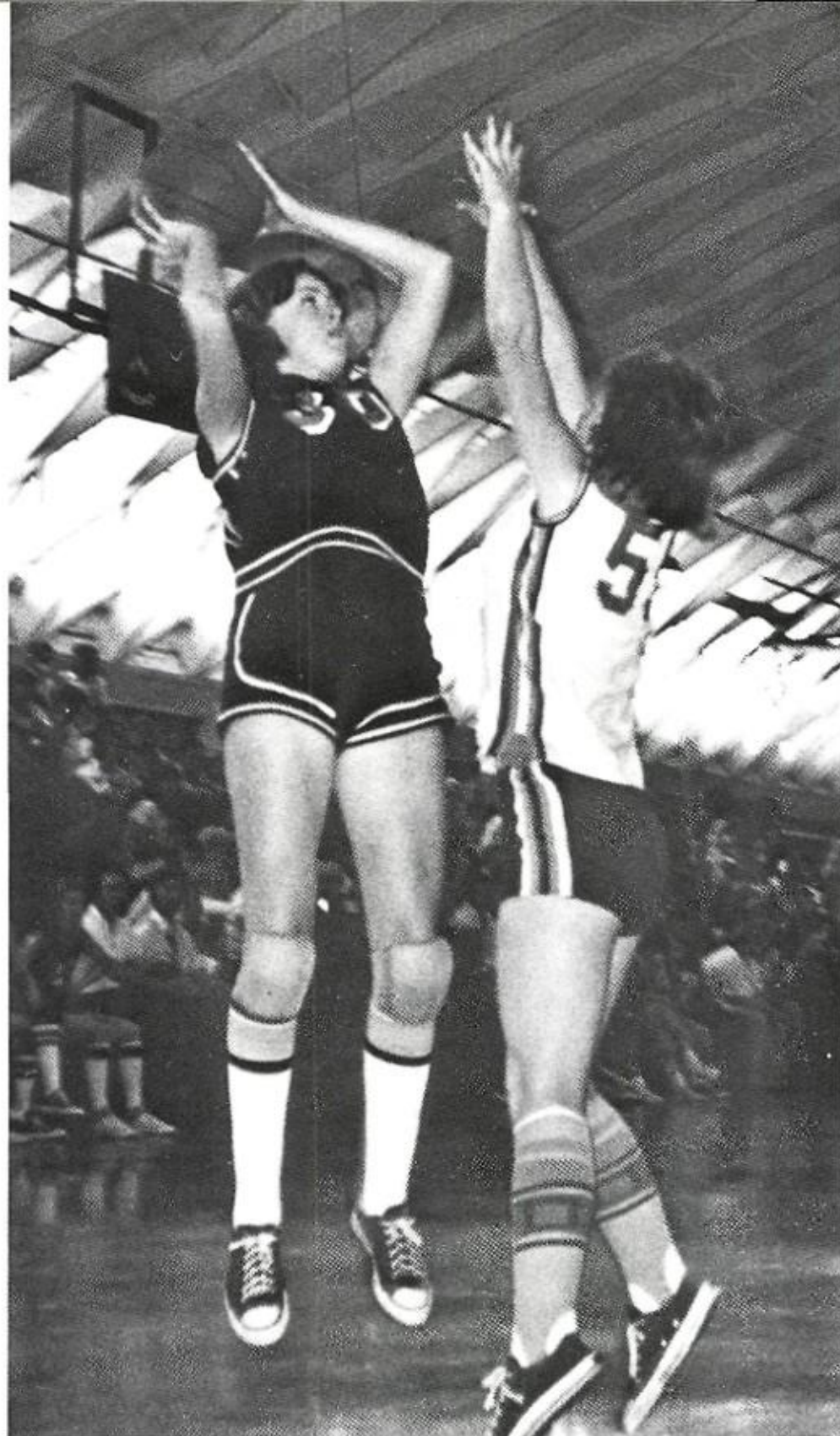


1977 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. ROW 1 KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Shelly Hill, Cindy Smith, Kari Cox, Laurie Hulin, Brenda Scott, Debbie Cain, Margaret Murrell. ROW 2, Paula Jackson, Rosie Carderara, Teresa Harrison, Kim Martin, Joni Mihura, Terri King, Jan Coffey, Cindy Asher, Coach Dudley.

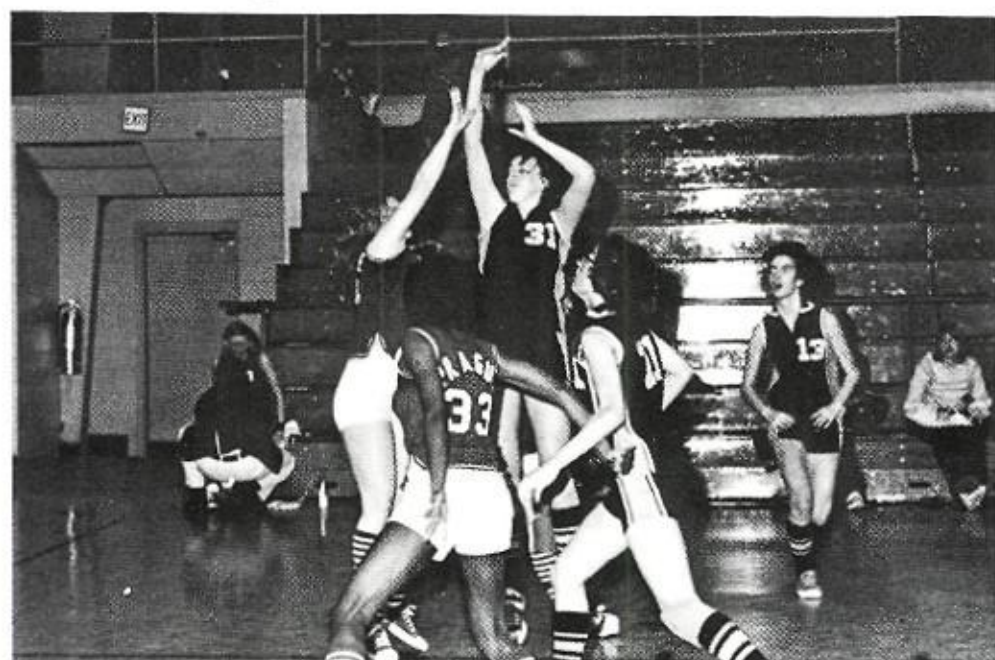
Coach Charles Dudley

Seven seniors pose with their coach before saying goodbye to THS basketball. LEFT TO RIGHT are Carla Lee, Cindy Aher, Paula Jackson, Coach Dudley, Sandy Sehon, Kim Martin, Teresa Harrison, Kari Cox.



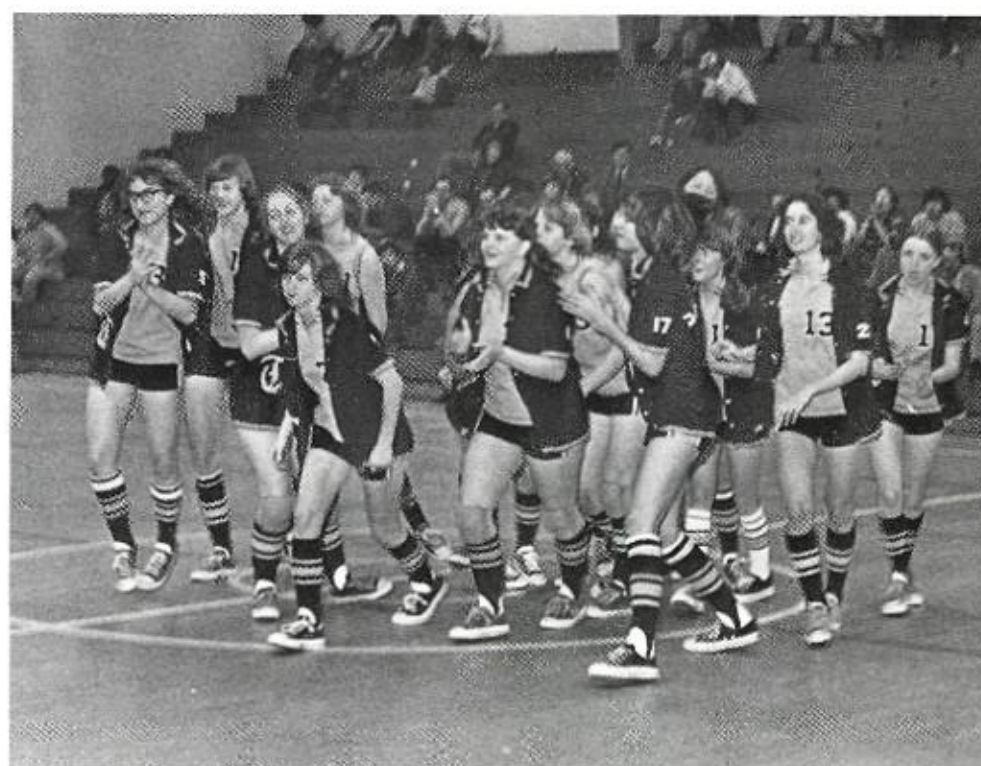


This photo epitomizes the finesse of Teresa Harrison. Her favorite shot was a pivot from right side of the goal. This year she scored 650 total points: a 25-point game average.

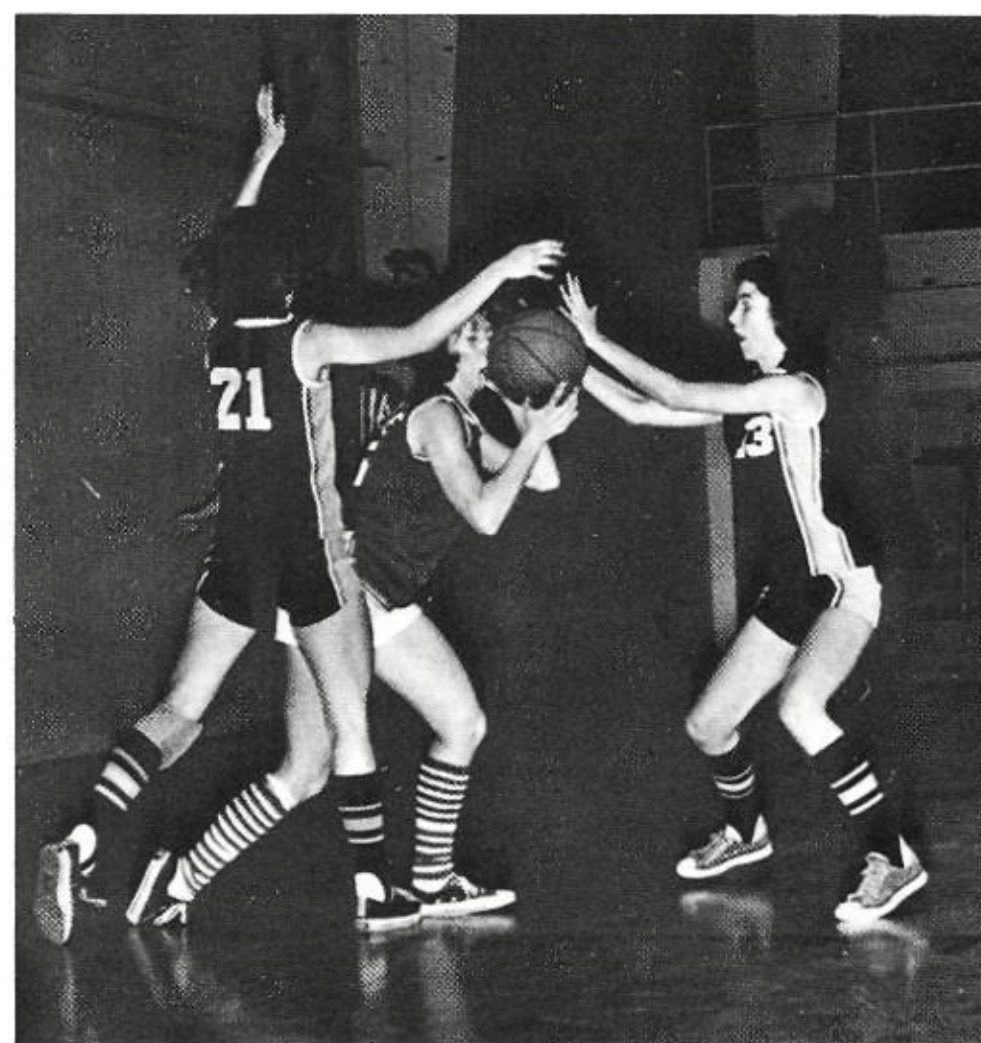


Tecumseh's forwards in action. Teresa shoots as Laurie Hulin and Debbie Cain get ready for rebound in case of miss.

GO! GO! GO!!



At regional game against Meeker, it took no one to motivate the Savagettes sky high. Look at 'em! They hear warpath drums!



Laurie and Debbie hustle for ball as frustrated enemy player witnesses Savage fury firsthand.

SAVAGETTES ARE EXCITING TEAM; PROVIDE PIZZAZZ!



Teresa Harrison and Laurie Hulin race for a rebound in crucial home game.



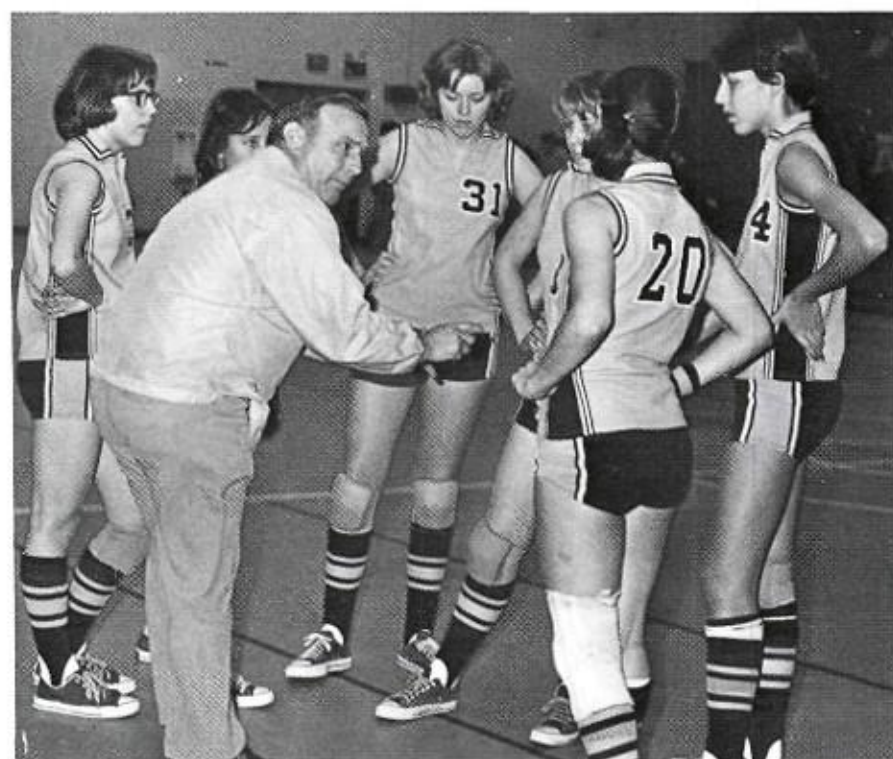
Laurie Hulin puts it up for two despite being guarded closely by opponent.



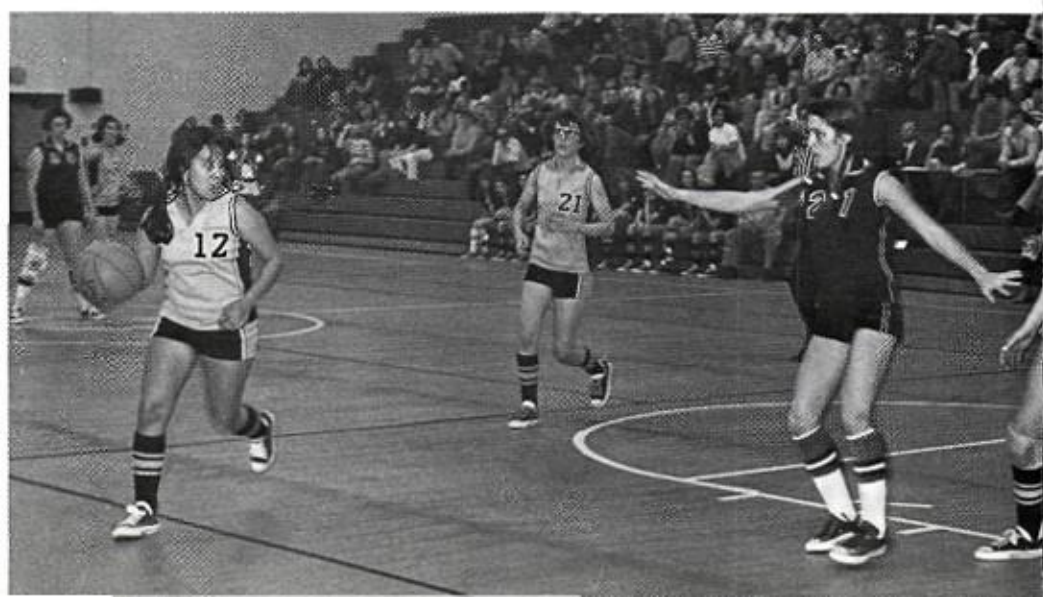
Guard Jan Coffey scrambles for ball as teammate Joni Mihura looks on.



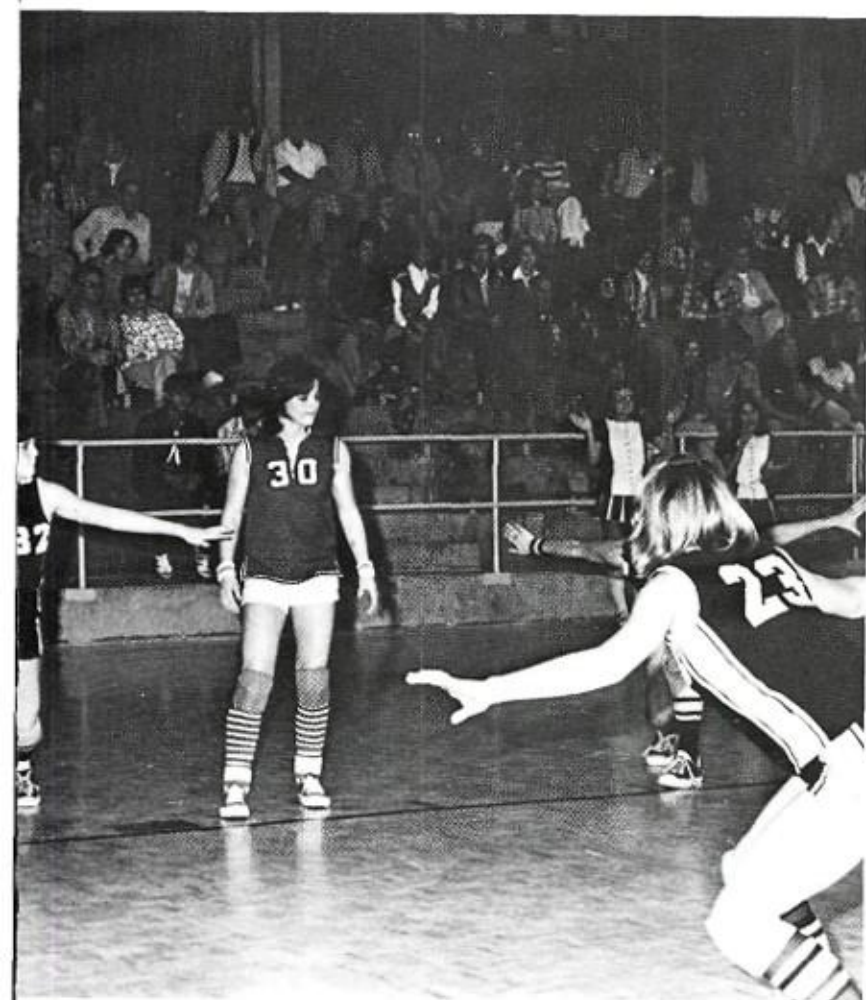
Jan Coffey Leaps high in air to get tipoff to Rosie Carderara, EXTREME RIGHT in photo.



ABOVE, "This is the way to do it," exclaims Coach Harold Dudley to his first stringers. BELOW, Shelly Hill dribbles into position to shoot or pass to tall Teresa Harrison, RIGHT, Tecumseh's impressive center.



GIRLS' RECORD: 11-15



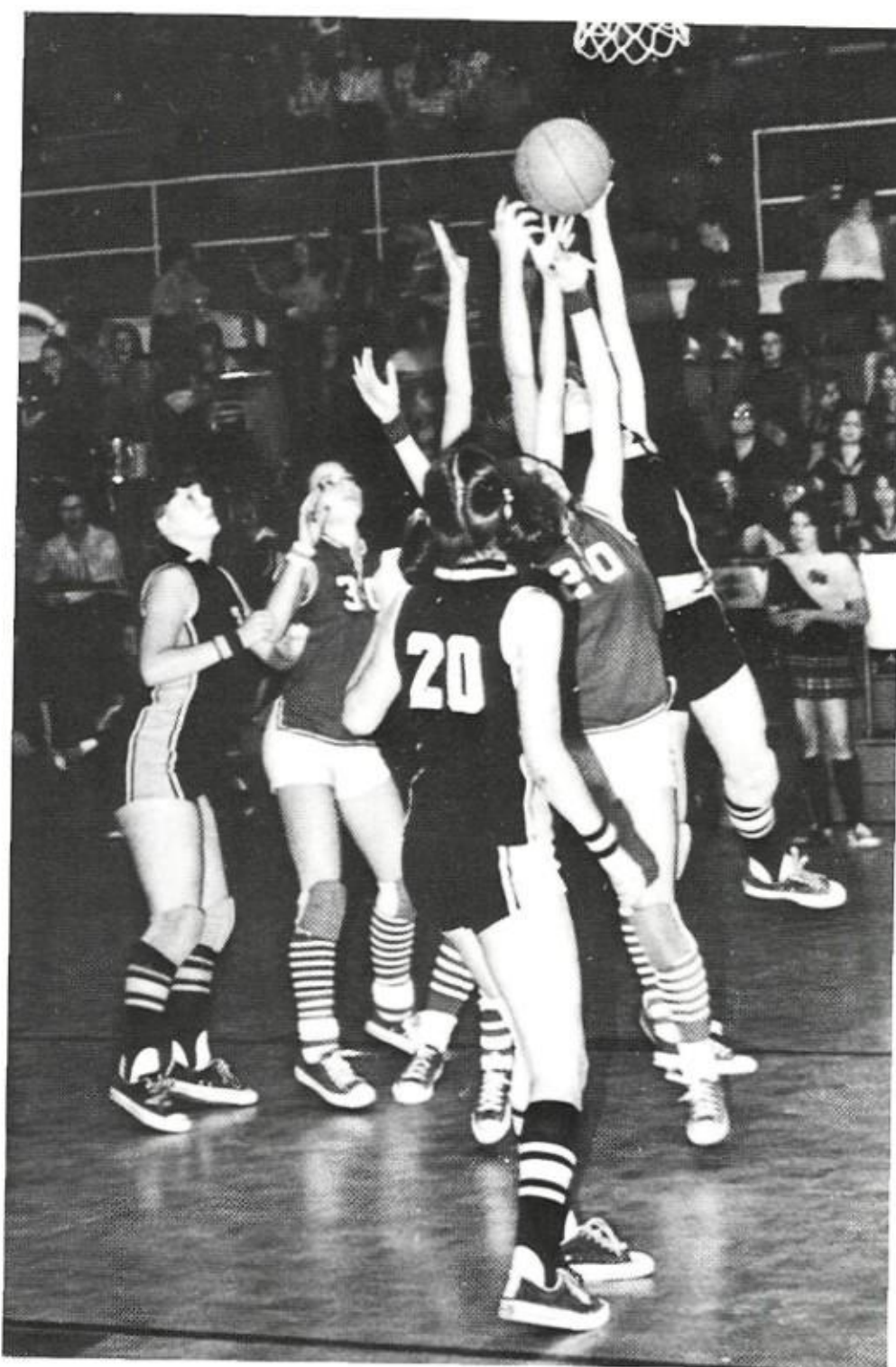
Tecumseh guards Paula Jackson, Jan Coffey and Rosie Carderara, hidden from camera, on defense take on look of ballet dancers.



ABOVE, crack forward Laurie Hulin appears to be taking a "basketball head" off girl guarding her. Game was with Prague, who won by two points in last seconds of game. RIGHT, just call it "Reachin'."



Guard Kari Cox wears No. 11 uniform of a Maud Tiger as she pursues opponent in Pott County All-Stars game at OBU. She was on the South team.



'GIRLS BASKETBALL ON ITS WAY' — DUDLEY



Hard-driving early-season practices by new Coach Charles Dudley spelled success for the Savagettes. In hot August heat, Paula Jackson (later chosen on the South Pott all-star team), Rosie Carderara, Cindy Asher and Cindy Smith warm up to play Macomb's Hornets in a scrimmage game.



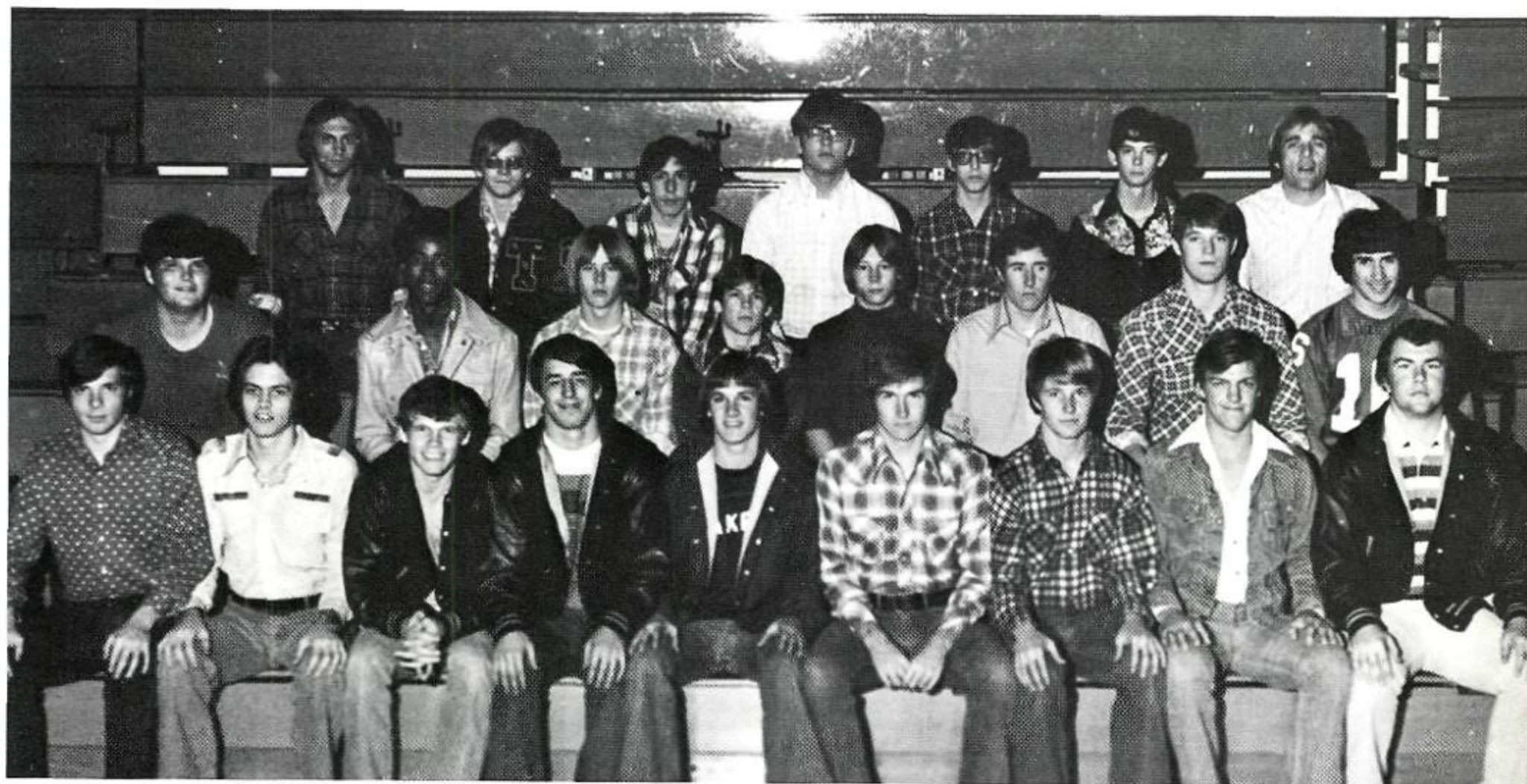
Tecumseh's three crack guards hem in a Meeker Bulldog forward.

'SAVAGETTE PRIDE' B-TEAM GIRLS



Reporting for girls basketball this year were 27 girls, six of whom were seniors. But giving the Savagettes much of their strength were the "B" team girls. As Coach Dudley said: "I feel this season may have gotten Tecumseh girls basketball program on its way to bigger and better things." PICTURED KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Peggy Robinson, Carla Lee, Shelly Hill, Cheryl O'Dell, Michelle Melot, Melody Fowler. STANDING, Toni Burch, Margaret Murrell, Cindy Smith, Sandy Sehon, Terri King, Brenda Scott, Debbie Cain, Tracey Miller, Kaye Westervelt, Coach Charles Dudley. These girls helped win the consolation trophy at the McCloud Tournament with wins over Jones and Luther.

TECUMSEH: WRESTLING COUNTRY



1977 THS WRESTLING TEAM. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Pat Upton, Jeff Perry, Bill White, Alan Bennett, Danny Young, Ted Belshe, Mike Bussey, Greg Buckmaster, Mike Higgins. ROW 2-Bill Neighbors, Clifford Ryan, Keith Cox, Van Straughan, Billy Copeland, John Belshe, Randy Gilbert, David Dudley. ROW 3-Jim Sigman, Joe Van Arnam, Rusty Smith, Marty Morris, Tim Kinsey, Neal Anderson, Coach Ken Praytor.



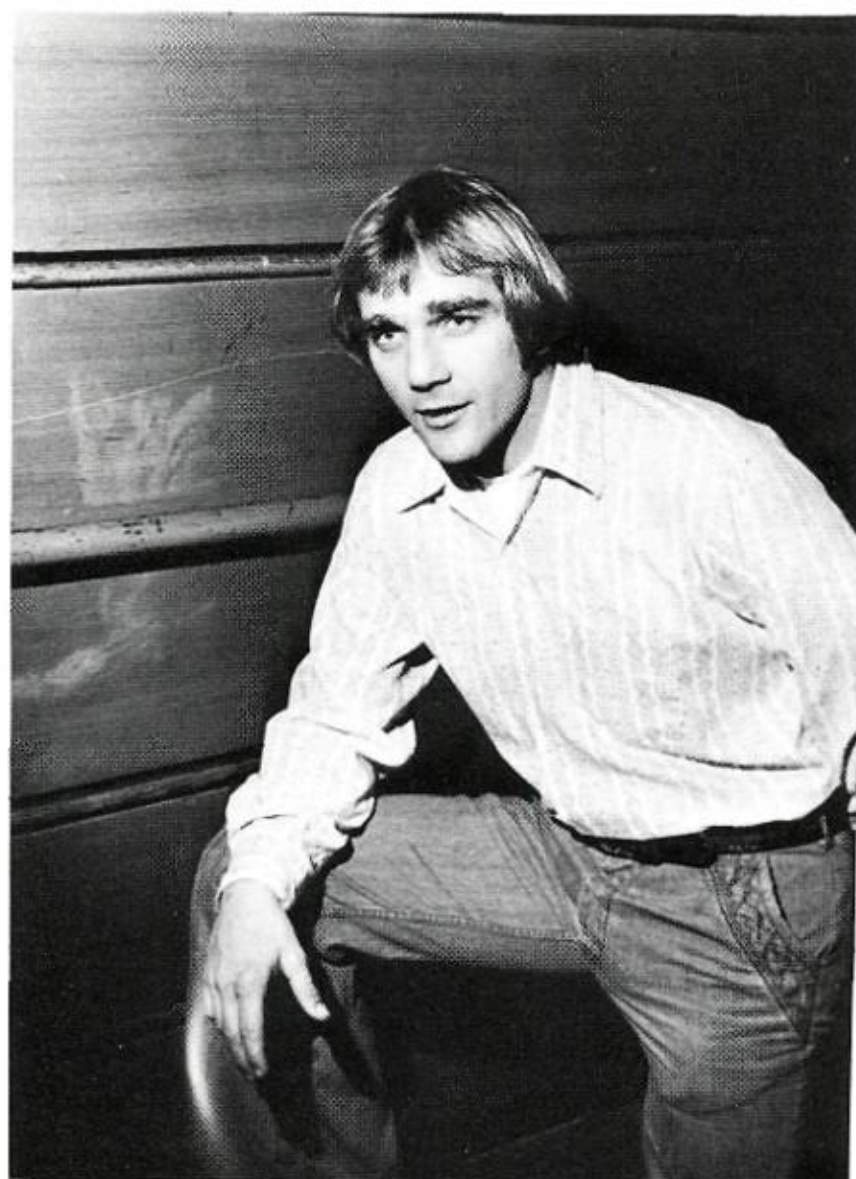
19 TECUMSEH MATMEN QUALIFY AS FINALISTS; SIX ADVANCE TO STATE

Wrestling Coach Ken Praytor thought this wrestling season was "very good!"

"We had better support and cooperation from fans and kids than ever before. Although we lost 10 seniors, we will have to depend on our young wrestlers to fill some pretty big gaps next year," he said.

Winning the Lawton MacArthur tournament was probably this year's highlight. Some 19 Savages placed in finals. Six matmen--Van Straughan 101; Danny Young 123; Mike Bussey 141; Alan Bennett 157; Randy Gilbert 178, and Bill Nabor, heavyweight, qualified for the state tourney at Harrah.

Coach Ken Praytor
THS Wrestling Coach



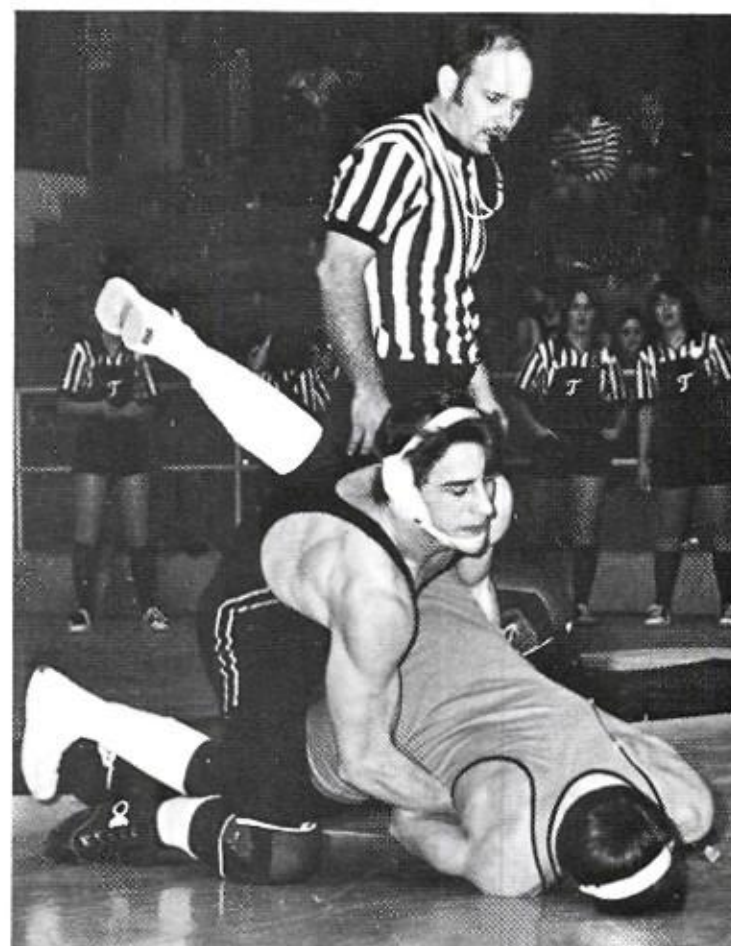


THS MAT MAIDS 'MAKE DIFFERENCE'

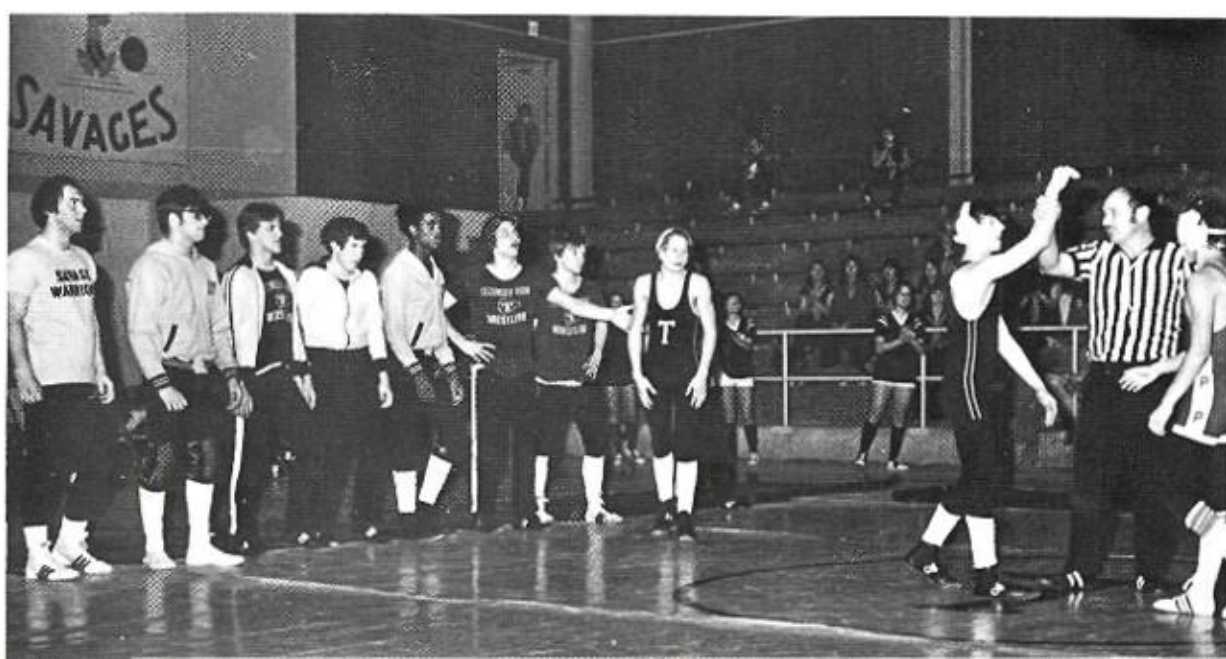
Something new was added to THS wrestling circles this year: an even dozen pretty Mat Maids. These girls put down and took up mats for matches, posted scores, and served refreshments to both home and visiting wrestlers. "Great isn't a big enough word for their morale-building influence on our wrestlers," said Coach Ken Praytor.



THS MAT MAIDS -- 1977 ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Terry Johnson, Cindy Magby, Beth Farrow, Michelle Melot, ROW 2 - Vicky Starks, Ellen York, Desiree Davidson, Debbi Newmaster. ROW 3 - Debbie Branson, Jamie Lance, Lori Kirk, Sandy Sehon, Sue Washburn.



ABOVE, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat is spelled on the faces of THS's Mike Higgins, the victor, and his opponent. MIDDLE RIGHT, Alan Bennett applies an aggressive hold on rival. RIGHT, Tim Kinsey 108-pounder, wins as teammates wait to congratulate him.





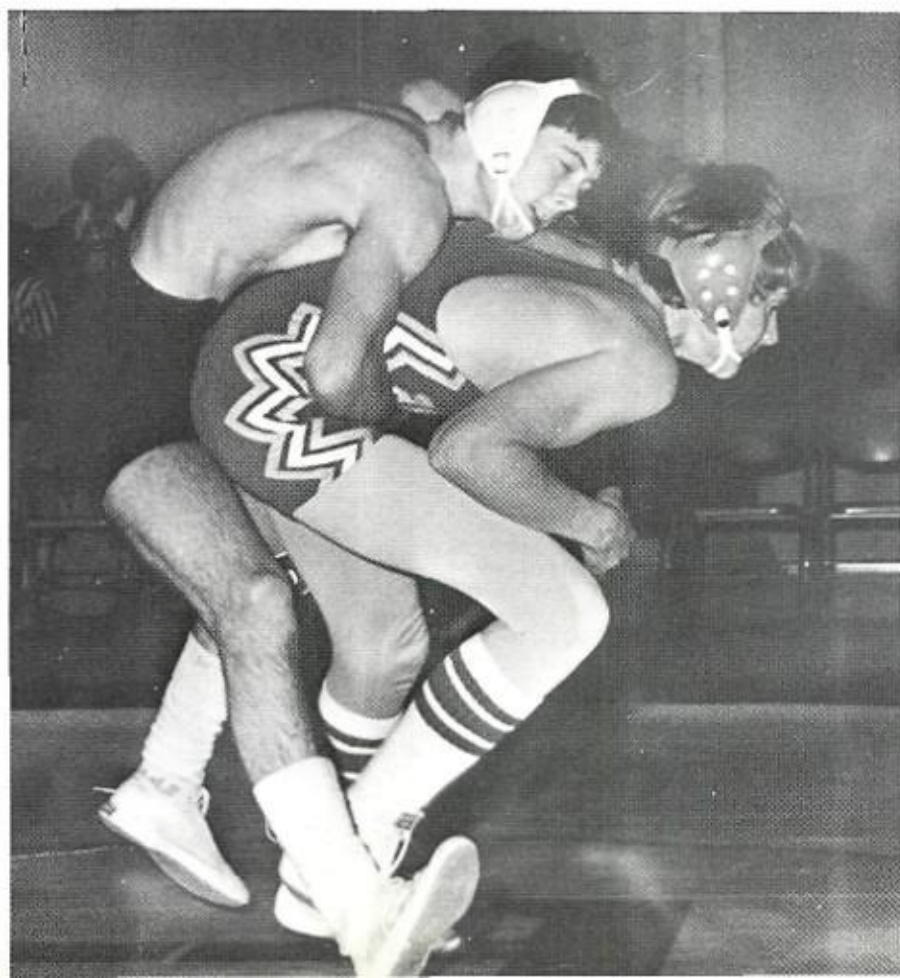
Sophomore Van Straughan, ABOVE LEFT, at 101 pounds dishes out all Shawnee's Mike Morris can take, despite Wolves' cheerleaders. BELOW, Tecumseh's Bill White gets up after pinning another victim.

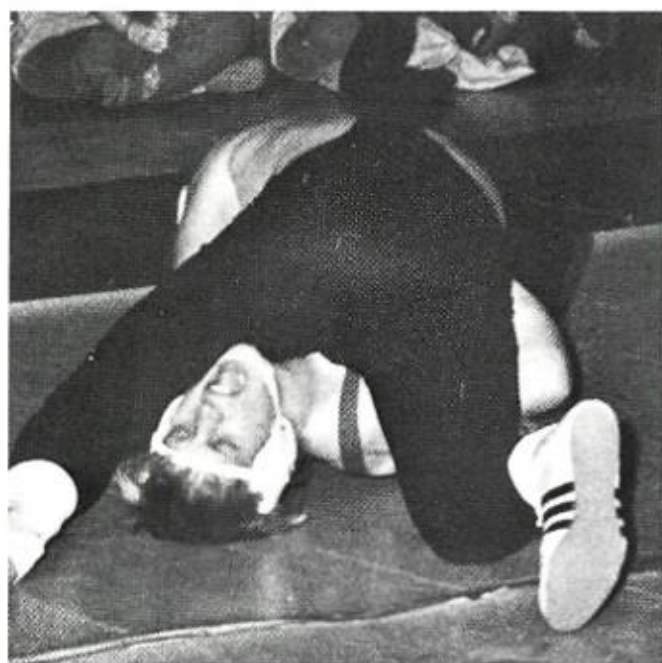


"Modest" Coach Praytor shakes hand of coach of losing team.



ABOVE, keeping things humming smoothly at wrestling meet are Coach Charles Dudley, Coach Mike Combs and senior Jan Clark. BELOW LEFT, Danny Young sets up opponent for a point, while BELOW referee goes over rules in pre-game talk with THS wrestlers.

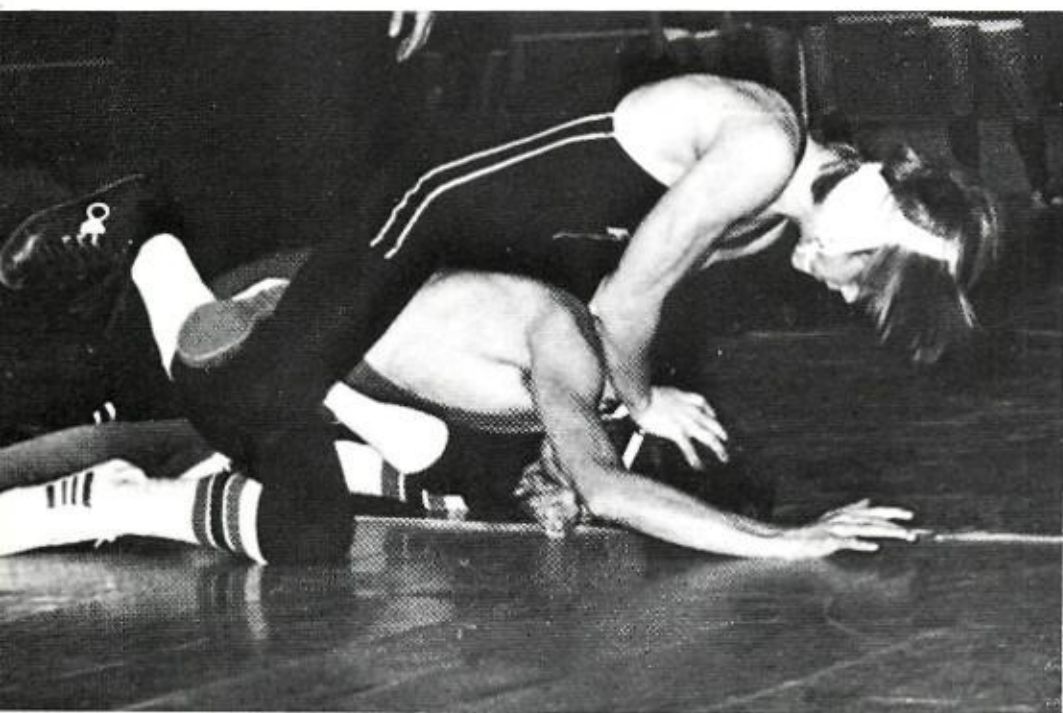




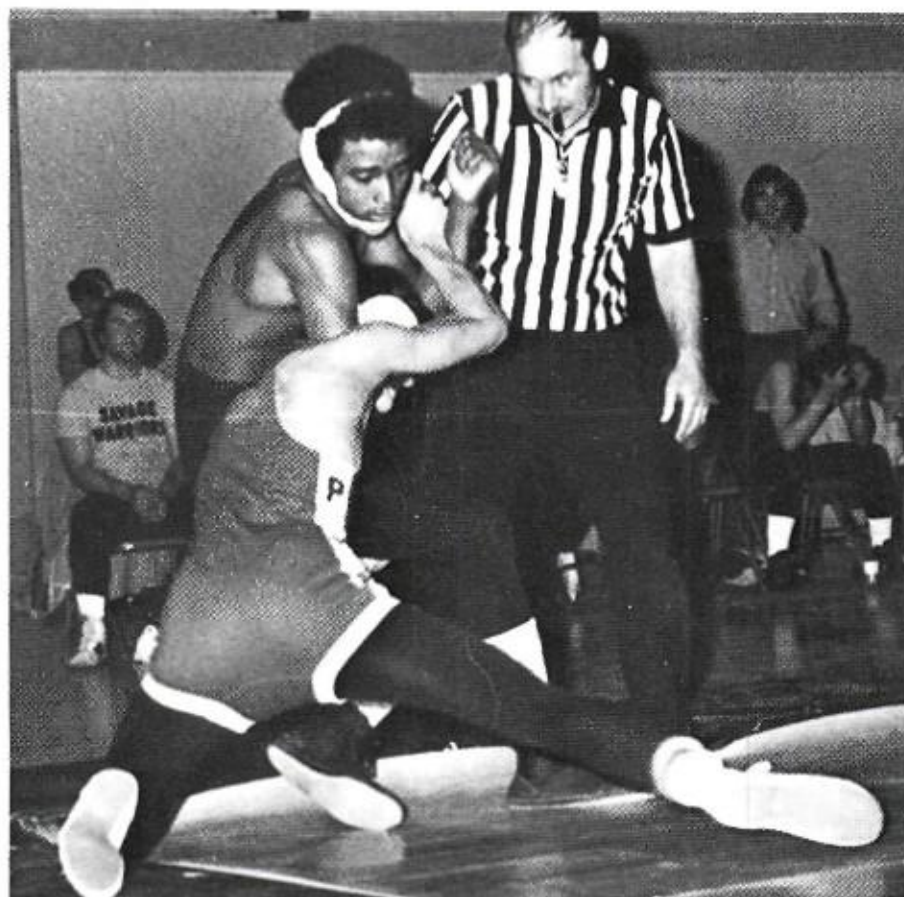
Unidentified Savage wrestler causes rival to grimace in pain.



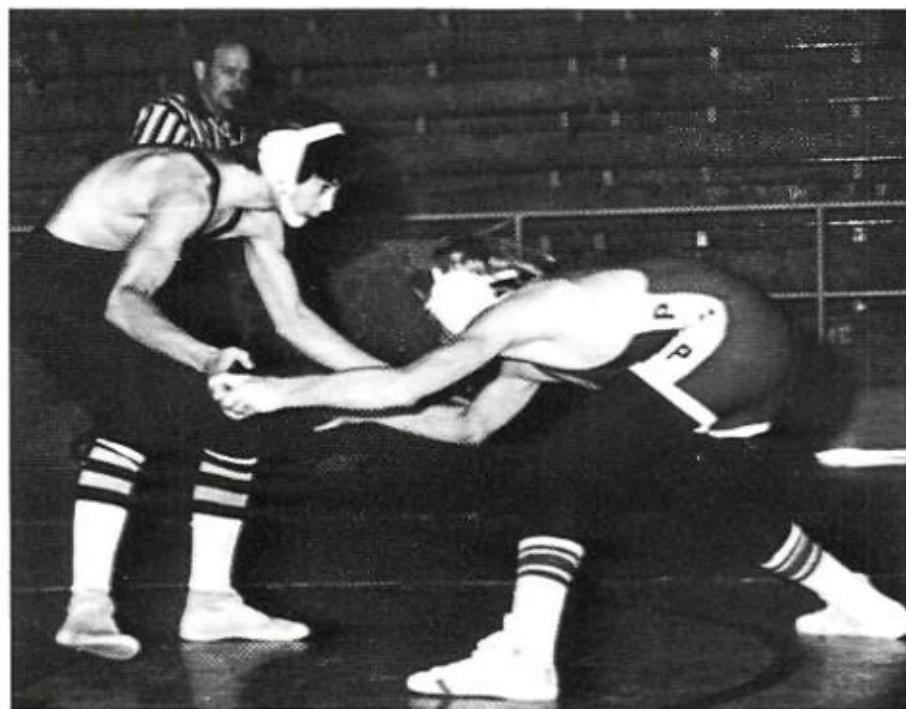
Billy Copeland, 115 pounds, gets ready for a pin.



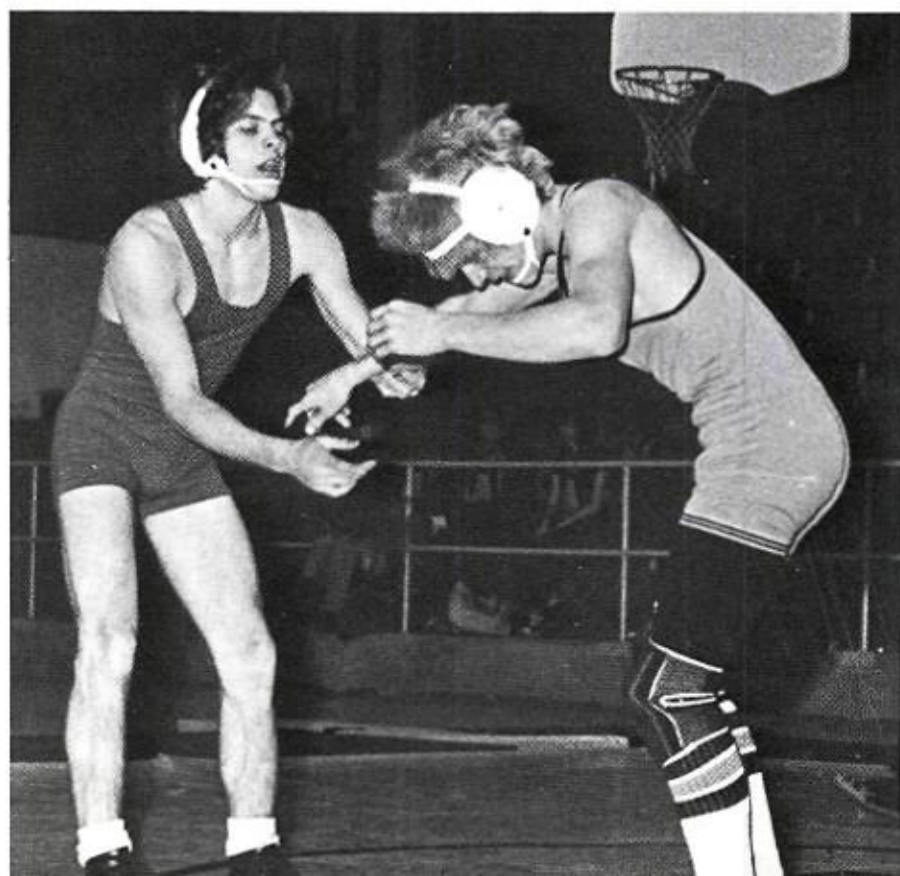
In famous "figure four" hold Joe Van Arnham treats opponent a big rough, while BELOW Neal Anderson on LEFT challenges enemy wrestler to action.

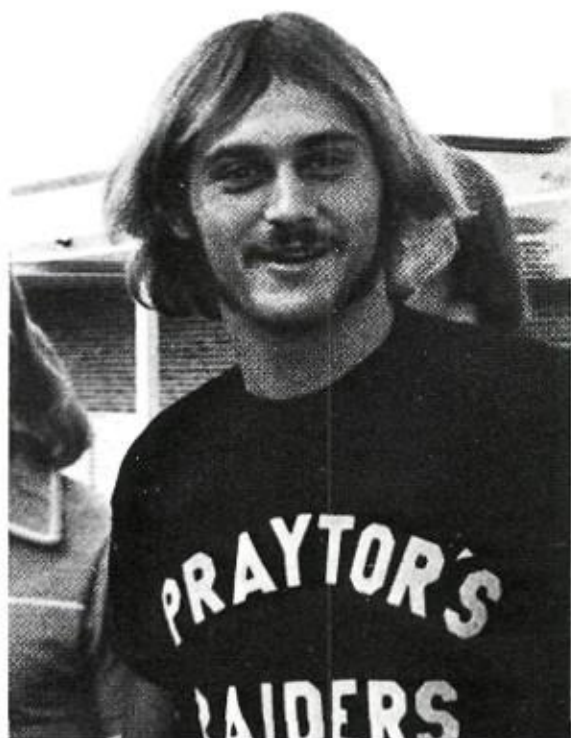


Tecumseh's Clifford Ryan, ON TOP ABOVE, is at critical stage with Plainview. BELOW, Jeff Perry coaxes rival to wrestle in homecoming meet.



**SAVAGELAND MEANS
ONE THING: ACTION!**

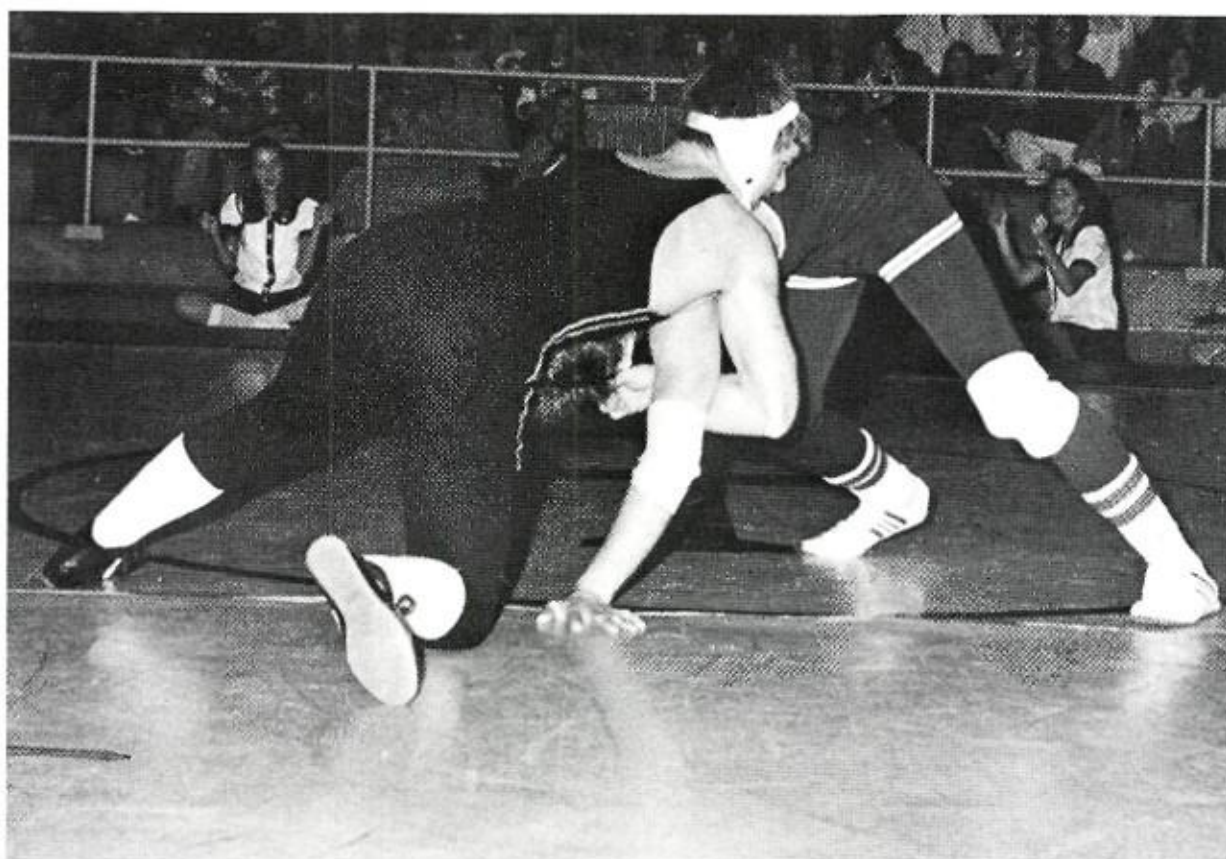




Jim Sigman says it pays to advertise Tecumseh's wrestling.



Greg Buckmaster, urged on by teammates, applies a pin hold on rival.



ABOVE, Mike Bussey at 141 pounds does a take-down on his Shawnee opponent. BELOW, Mat Maids do heavy-duty chores by stacking mats after a match. They were pretty to have around, too. RIGHT, mean Bill Nabors strikes a familiar wrestling pose that scares his opponents even before doing battle. He "upset" the No. 1 heavyweight champ from Noble in the regional tournament.

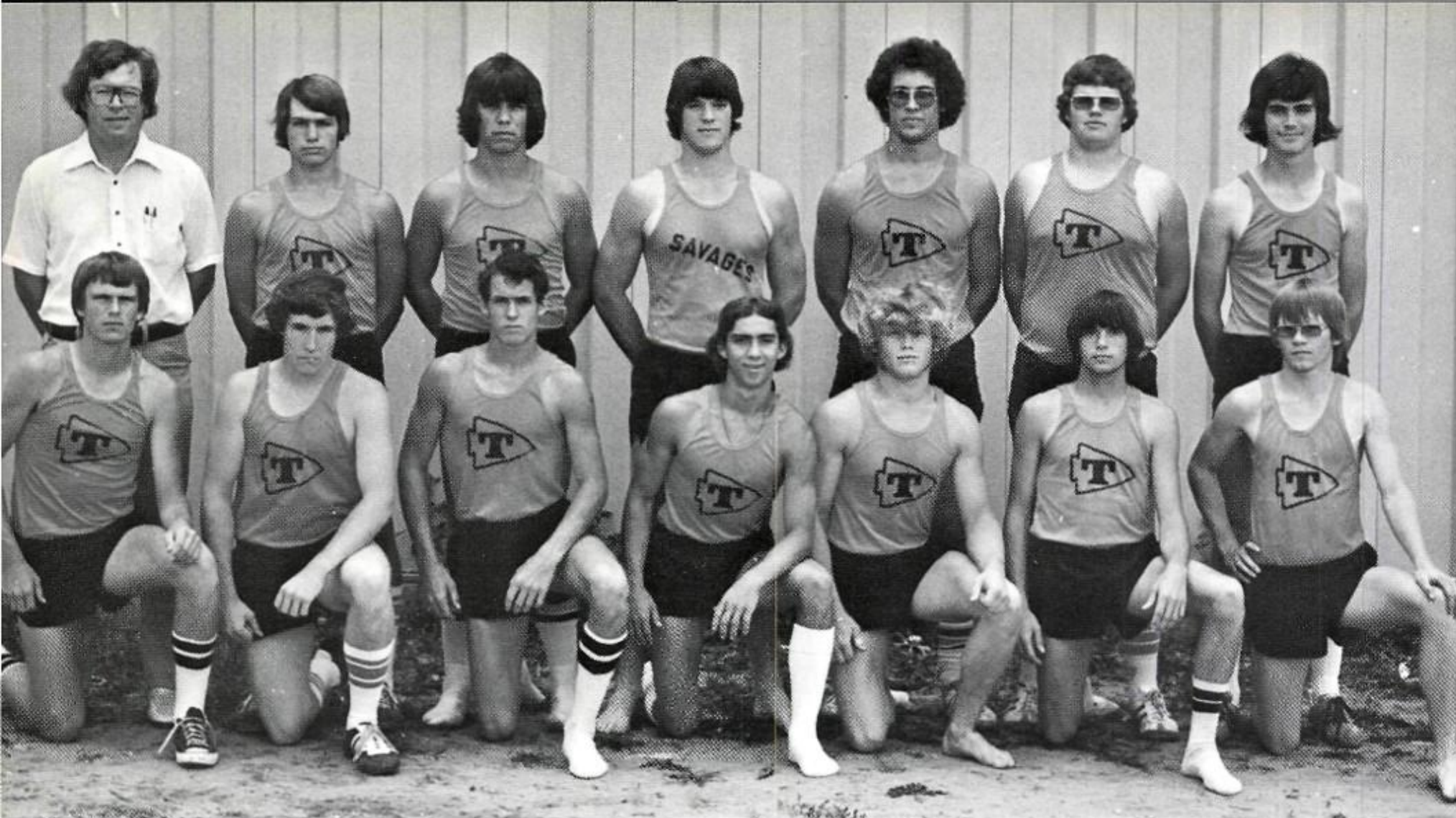


SAVAGE MATMEN WIN 16, LOSE 4

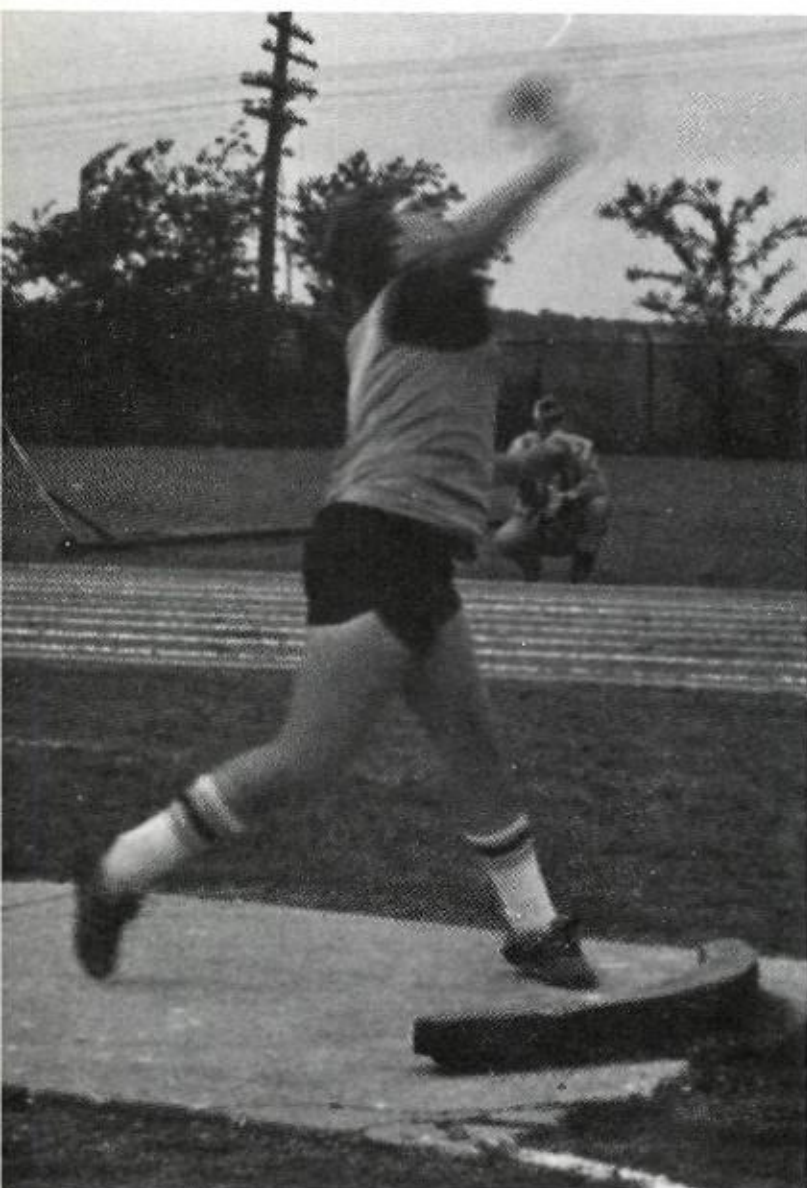
Coach Praytor said all his wrestlers excelled "at one time or another" during the season.

He expects his younger wrestlers to mature in the future and THS will still be a serious contender in the regional and state tourneys. Next year's wrestlers will have to fill the gap left by 10 graduating seniors.





BOYS TRACK TEAM, 1977. KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Grant Gower, John Belshe, Merritt Roberts, Mark French, Bill White, Steve Clark, Jo Van Arnam. STANDING, Coach Paul Sternberger, David Anderson, Donnie Clark, Randy Gilbert, David Harris, Ricky Starks and Robin Talley.



Robin Talley, a sophomore, high jumped 6 feet even in the regional tournament at Marlow, then went on to jump in state meet.



BOYS TRACK

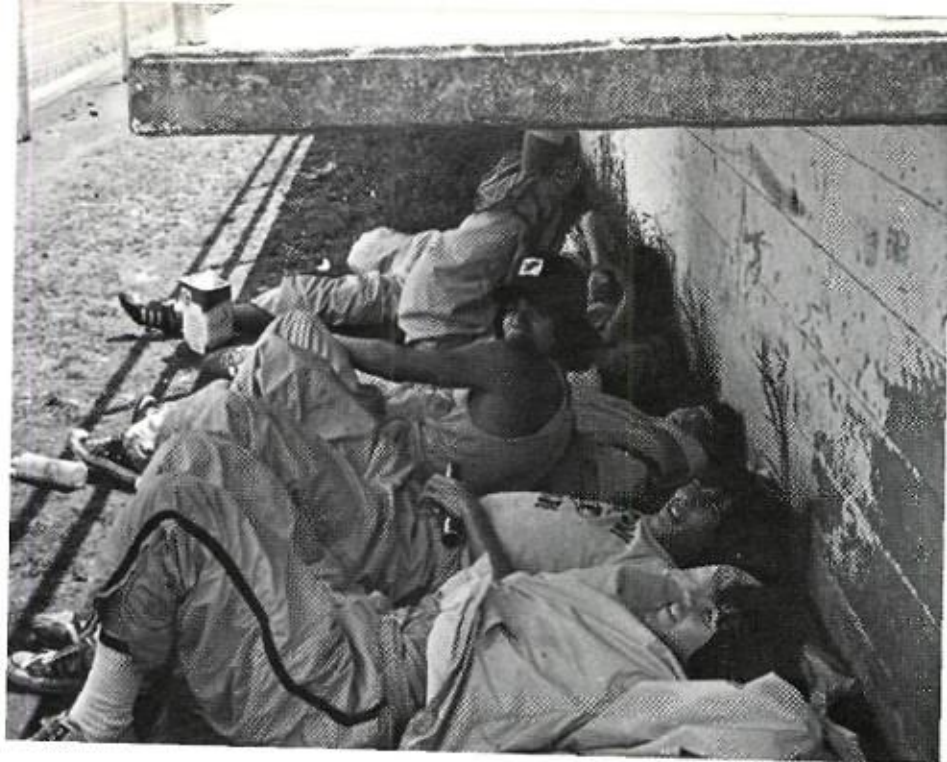
Coach Paul Sternberger was "well pleased" with this year's team, as there was "great interest among the participants."

He feels next year THS will have a chance to break the school record in the mile relay. The relay team came within 2 1/2 seconds of it this year.

"We ate a lot oranges, drank a lot of Cokes and got...experience," he said.

Junior Ricky Starks won lots of dual victories in the shotput and discus. He participated in the state tournament.





Savage thinclads find a shady resting place.



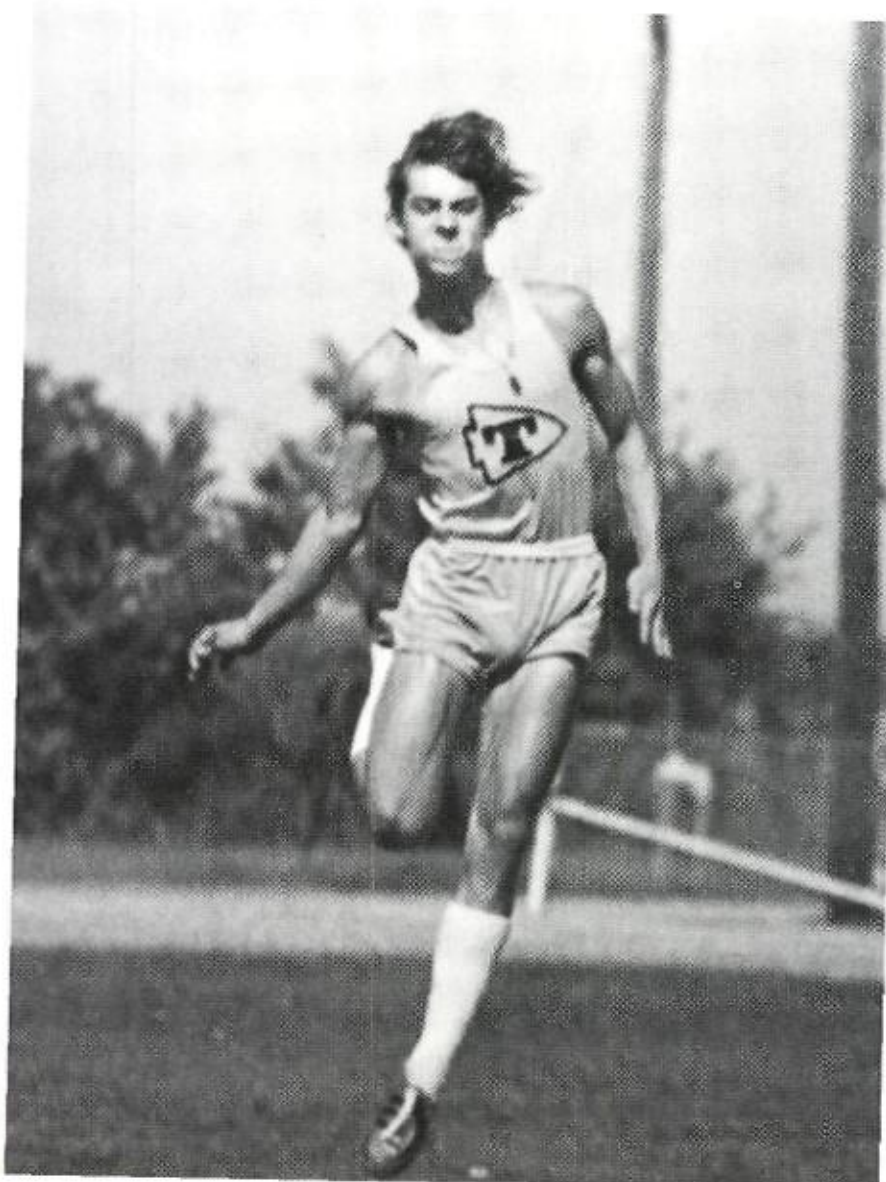
Bill White, THIRD FROM RIGHT, THS trackman of the year, attempts to pull ahead in rugged 440-yard race.



Joe Van Arnham, RIGHT, gets ready for hurdles at Pauls Valley Invitational Track Meet, while BELOW Mark French shoots skyward in broad jump leap at same track meet.



THS's David Anderson, SECOND FROM RIGHT ABOVE, skims hurdles in effort to get ahead, while BELOW Tecumseh's Bill Haddox, on inside lane, attempts win at finish line.





SAVAGETTE TRACK TEAM, 1977. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Roxanne Morris, Desiree Davidson, Debbie Newmaster, Lori Kirk, Cheryl O'Dell, Shelly Harmon, Susan Jeffcoat, Mary Wisdom, Dorris Reed. ROW 2 - Michelle Melot, Rosie Carderara, Tracey Miller, Debbie Cain, Terri King, Brenda Scott, Sondra Fire, Toni Burch, Tracy King, Darla Lane, Phyliss Trice, Beth Farrow. Not pictured, Coach Charles Dudley, Kim Martin, Joni Mihura, Margaret Murrell, who were attending the Oklahoma state track meet in Oklahoma City at time of photo.

SAVAGETTE TRACK



*GIRLS LEAP,
RUN, JUMP
AND THROW*



Kim Martin, Margaret Murrell, Coach Charles Dudley and Joni Mihura check discus which won Margaret second place in Class 2A track at the Oklahoma state track and field meet at Midwest City Carl Albert. "She's a great champion," commented the coach. Margaret, a junior this year, got off a toss of 112 feet, 4 1/2 inches.



Terri King seems to be attracting attention at her high jumping.



Desiree Davidson kicks heels during 220-yard dash; beats opponent.



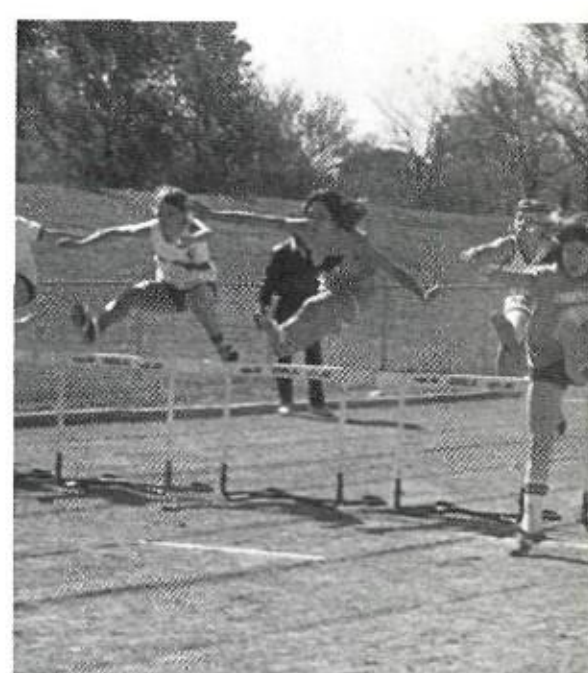
Tracey Miller huffs and puffs at start of a race.



Mary Wisdom, RIGHT, gives the old college try at tape in 100-yard dash.



Rosie Carderara takes smooth hand-off from Debbi Newmaster.



Darla Lane, THIRD FROM RIGHT, sails in 120-yard low hurdle race.



Tecumseh's Debbie Cain hustles in 80-yard hurdles, showing typical Savagette effort to win for THS.



ABOVE, Joni Mihura runs the 440-yard dash; RIGHT, Brenda Scott, outstanding girl trackster, rests after running.



FEET, DON'T FAIL ME NOW!

TECUMSEH



TENNIS

Tecumseh's netters were young this year--but they took their share of triumphs.

Graduation took its toll in 1976 of the netters program. But some losses this year were narrow ones: 5-4 to Choctaw and Seminole, for example.

This was THS's second year of tennis competition in modern times.



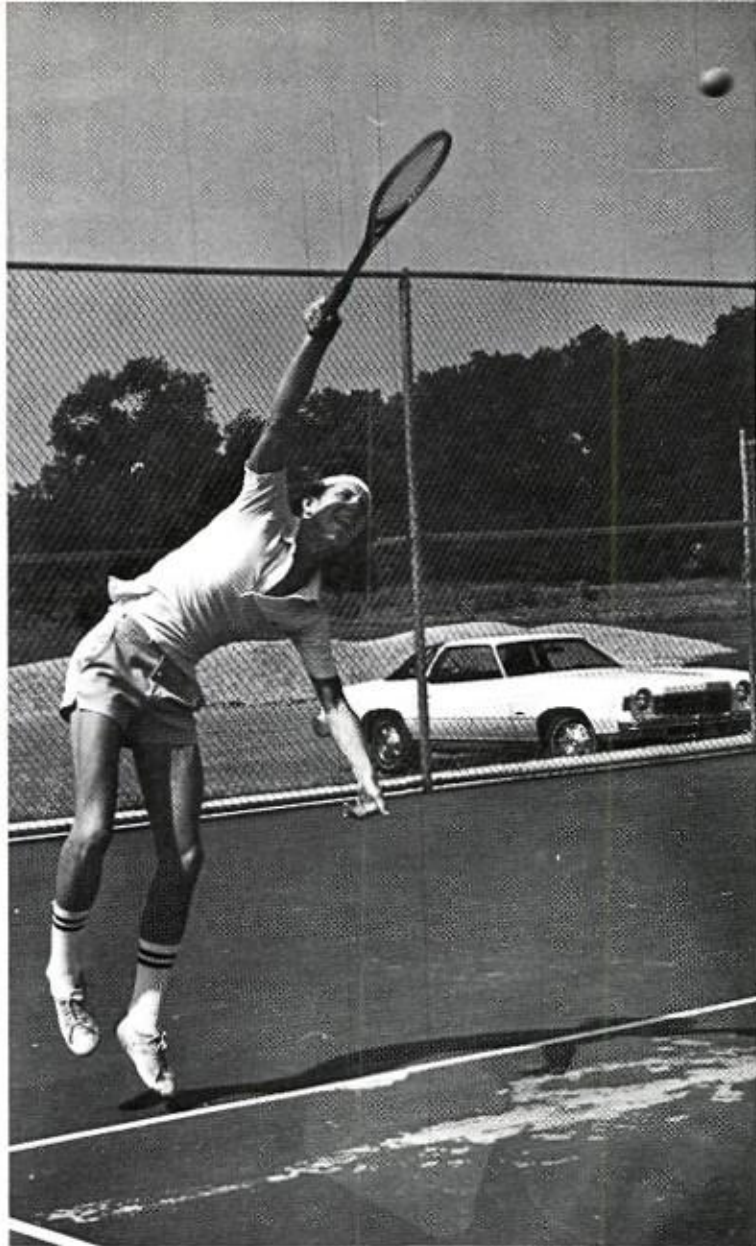
BOYS TENNIS TEAM 1977. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT, are Ricky Yates, Richard Standridge, Robert Nowlin, Steve Adkins. STANDING, Jeff Scarberry, Grant Gower, Terry McCullar, Randy Dane, Darren Ragon and Coach George Snider.



Coach George Snider



Seniors Sara Sandefur and Kari Cox won second place in the state final 2A girls doubles competition. They were each named to the South All-State team.



Outstanding tennis player Jeff Scarberry shows powerful serve that waylaid more than one tennis rival. BELOW, Richard Standridge and Randy Dane in doubles play.



Outstanding All-State player Sara Sandefur delivers powerful back-hand during rugged home court match.



GIRLS' SEASON 9-4; BOYS GET 8-7 YEAR

GIRLS TENNIS TEAM 1977. KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Sandra Shackelford, Beverly Monday, Cindy Jeffcoat, STANDING, Teresa Gill, Kari Cox, Sara Sandefur and in dark glasses, Coach George Snider. After a slow start, the girls team caught fire, winning nine matches and losing only four.





Teresa Gill, LEFT, winner of the Young Savage tennis award, shows her style. RIGHT, All-State doubles champion Kari Cox slams hard-hit ball to one of her rivals. Kari was voted THS girl "Athlete of the Year."



Coach George Snider goes over tennis match schedule with team.

BELOW, Cindy Kingsbury smashes ball in a good serve while teammate Cindy Jeffcoat stands by for her turn.

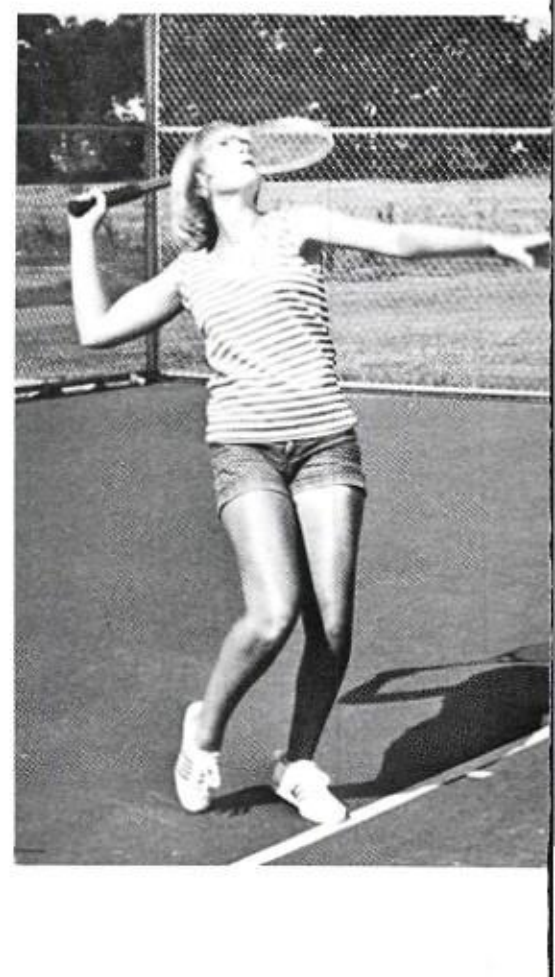


Terry McCullar shows top form as he delivers powerful back-hand.



Ricky Yates scores easy point at net against rival player.

Sandra Shackelford keeps eye on ball for a lob shot.



TECUMSEH BASEBALL

Savages Conference Co-Champs

There's nothing like winning to help rid coaches of the blues.

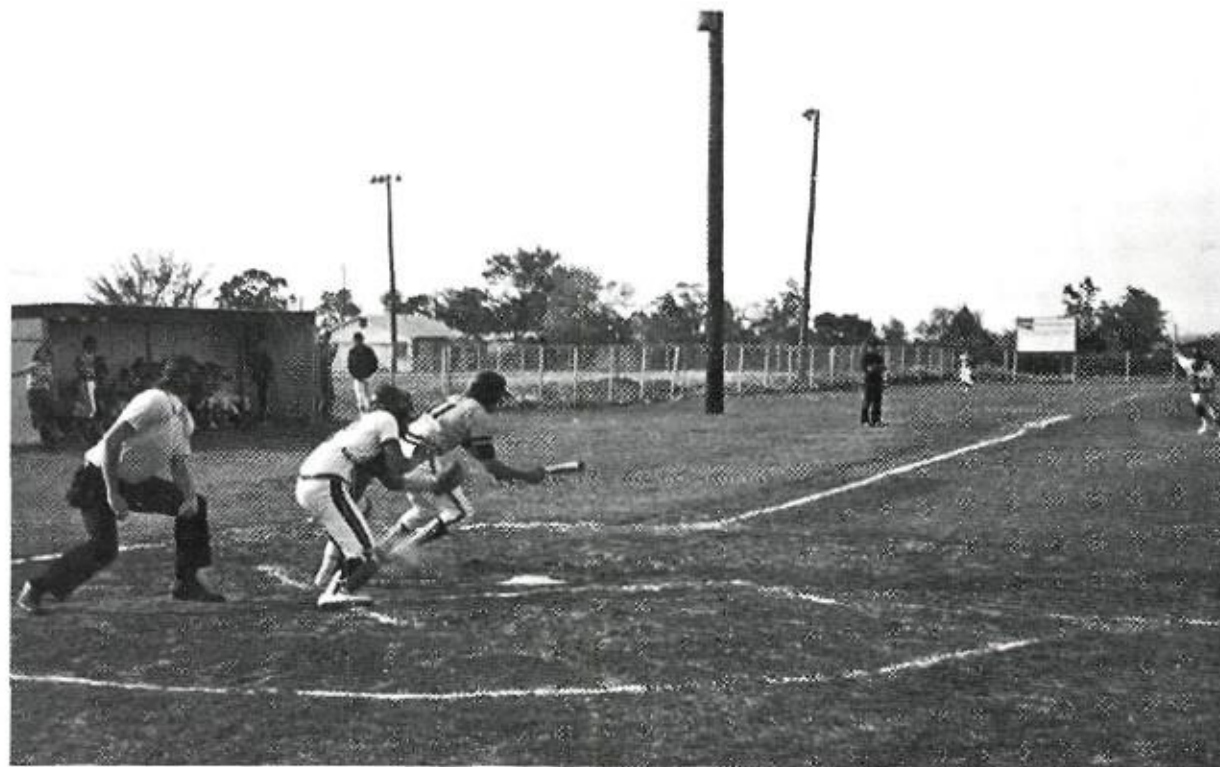
"This year we started winning -- and big -- early," smiled baseball Coach Mike Robinson of the Tecumseh Savages.

"Except for three seniors, most of our players were juniors. The seniors pushed the younger guys a little this season, and that made the difference," Robinson said.

"This was the strongest defensive team we've ever had," pointing to such gloves as junior shortstop Mike Crauthers. "You've really got to hit a shot to get by him at short."

The 1977 edition of the Savage baseball team could be summed up in one word: aggressive. They were a tough bunch to beat.

Their reward? Co-Champions of the Star Conference. The Savages had a 9-2 conference record.



Steve Moore attempts a bunt in game with Henryetta Hens ABOVE. This was one of many areas a more experienced THS teams excelled in this year. BELOW, Bobby Whitebird touches home plate for Savage tally as teammate Bobby Pecore congratulates him. Doug McLin rounds third base after hitting second homer in the game.



Coach Mike Robinson talks tight situation over with Pitcher Tommy Wilsie and first baseman Bobby Pecore.





BASEBALL — SAVAGE STYLE



SAVAGES SPARKLE WITH AMAZING 22-14 SEASON

"Our experienced players took us from last place in '76 to first place in the conference in '77. That shows what hustle, experience and time will do for a team," said baseball Coach Mike Robinson of this year's team, who won 22, lost 14.

Tommy Wilsie was named "Player of the Year" in the Star Conference. County All-Stars were Mike Bussey, Bobby Whitehead and Tommy Wilsie. Wilsie also made honorable mention on the All-State South baseball team. Holdenville was named co-conference champs. Tecumseh's Mike Robinson was named coach of the year in the Star Conference along with Mike Patterson of Holdenville.

Horsing around before a game, infielders Neal Motley, Doug McLin, Bob Wallace, Bobby Whitebird and Bobby Pecore kid new catcher Keith Cox, who later won Young Savage Award. Wallace pitched an 8-4 season, tossing a no-hitter against Choctaw and didn't lose any conference games.



TOP, Coach Mike Robinson sends Catcher Keith Cox towards home in another Tecumseh rout. BELOW, 1977 edition of THS Baseball Team. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Tivis Jessee, Mike Crauthers, Tony Miller, Doug McLin, bat girls Kaye Westervelt, Lori Magdalena, Michelle Melot, Lori Ross, and David Dudley, Jeff Hall, Neal Motley, David Tomlinson, Coach Mike Robinson. ROW 2 -- Bobby Pecore, Darren Asher, Bob Wallace, Bob Whitebird, Tom Wilsie, Silas Hill, Mike Bussey, Steve Moore, Steve Henderson, Billy Seals, Chuck Littleton, Keith Cox. Not pictured, bat girl Kay Rutledge.





Tecumseh baseballers practice good sportsmanship as they congratulate Henryetta Hens team following THS win, 4-0 behind two-hit, 15 strikeout pitching of Robert Wallace. BELOW, a female player? No, it's Lori Magdalena, one of the new bat girls this year. Incidentally, Wallace retired 19 batters in a row against the Hens.



Three ace pitchers for Tecumseh were seniors Tommy Wilsie, Mike Bussey and Bob Whitebird, all right handers. They helped turn around 4-21 1976 season. Wilsie was top batter with a .423 clip.



Keith Cox enjoyed a good season as catcher for the THS Savages.





FAST BALL

Ace hurler Robert Wallace lets loose with tricky fast ball.



THE CURVE!

Senior Tommy Wilsie uncorks his famous curve ball.



GOTTCHA!

Tony Miller snags ball in left field for out against enemy.

SAVAGES EXHIBIT POWER



KAPOW!

Mike Crauthers unleashes hit against Cushing. BELOW, typical small home crowd.



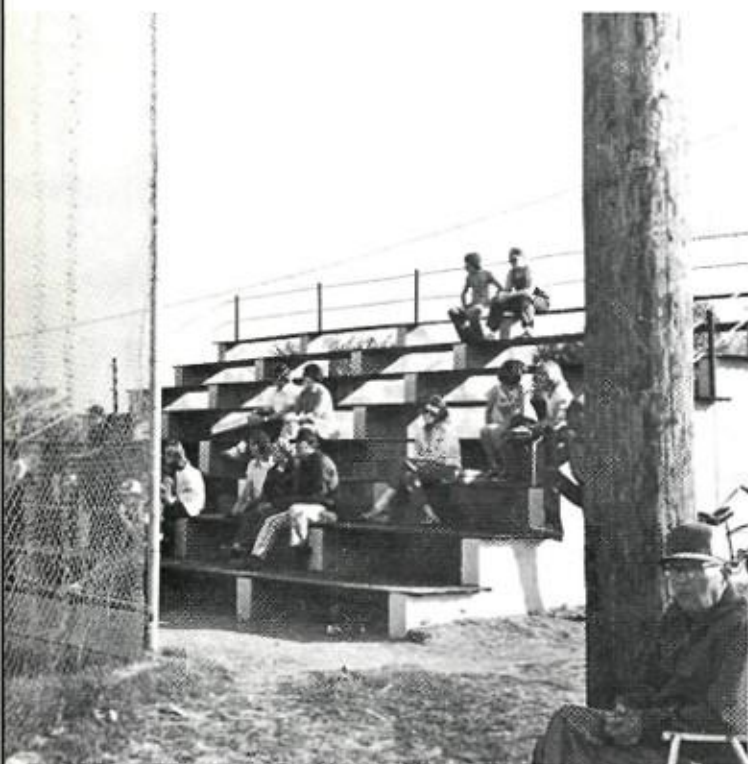
KABOOM!

Tommy Wilsie shows power that help sweep Savages into conference championship, BELOW, Steve Moore, shading eyes, catches fly ball.

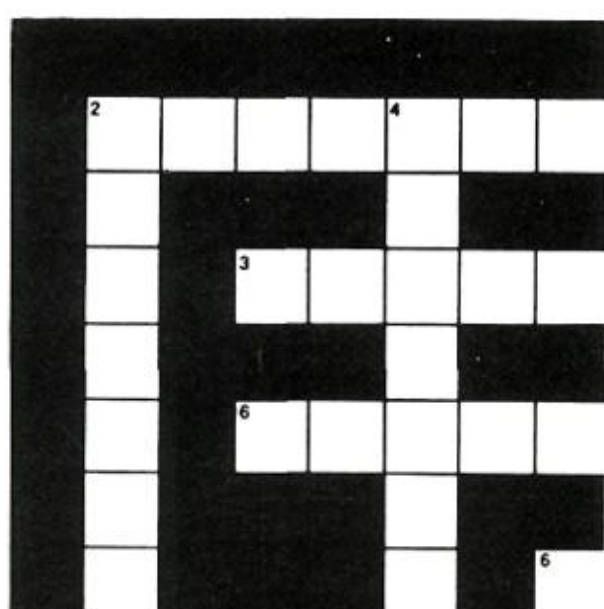
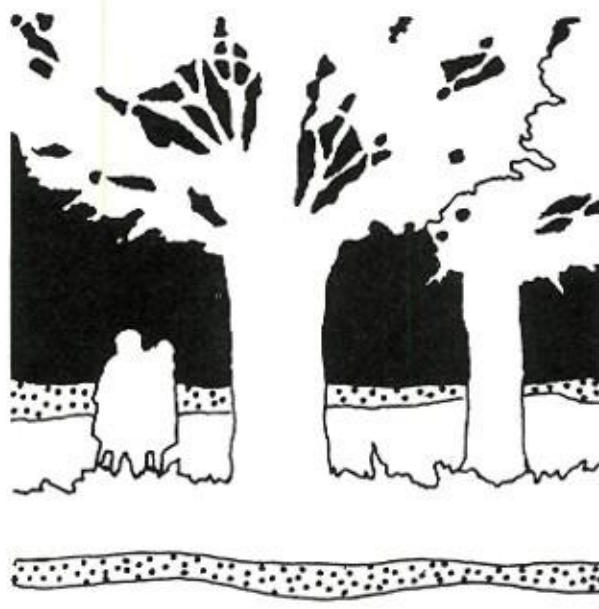
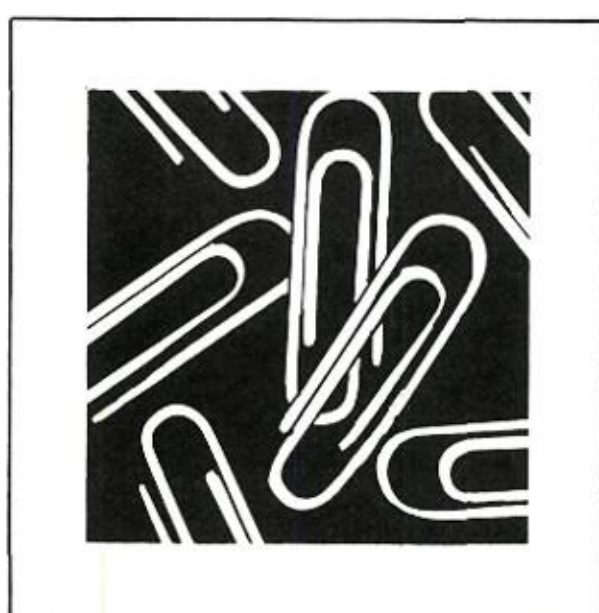
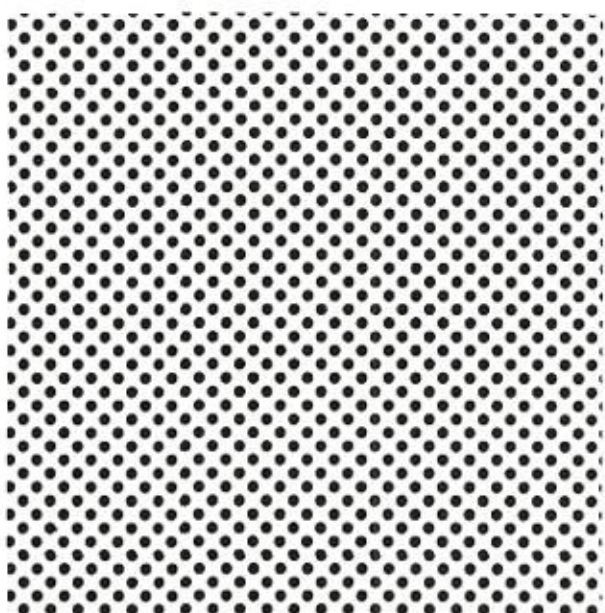
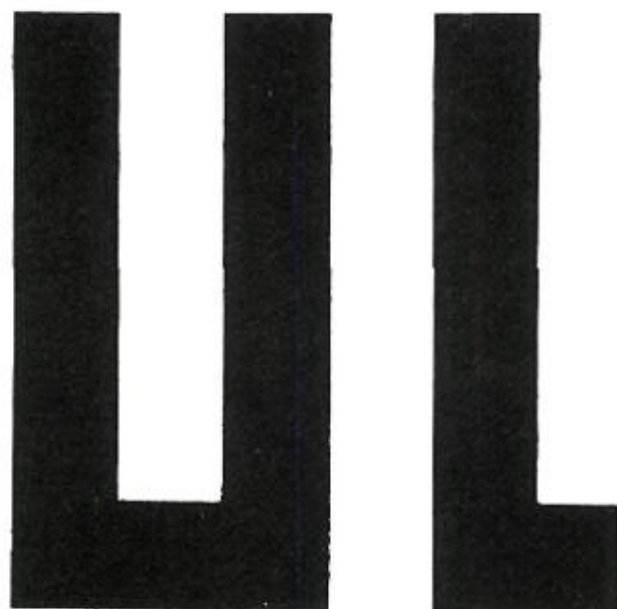
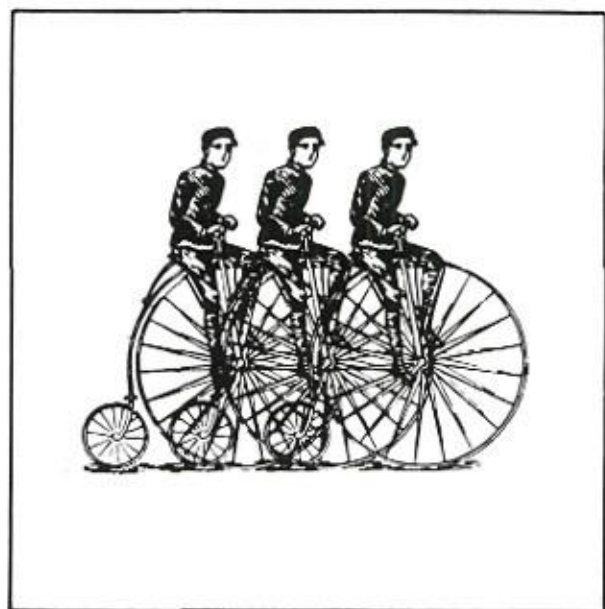


BAT GAL!

ABOVE, bat girl Kay Rutledge poses for camera. BELOW, Bobby Pecore, THS mainstay, readies for another home run, while BOTTOM photo shows Coach Robinson hold Steve Moore at third.



ROYALTY





MISS JO LEE TROLL

*1977 HIGH SCHOOL
YEARBOOK QUEEN*



MISS PAM THOMAS

*1977 JUNIOR HIGH
YEARBOOK QUEEN*



Teresa Gill
Junior Attendant



Lori Kirk
Sophomore Attendant

'IT'S A SMALL WORLD!'

Everyone was dressed in native dress of the world's multitude of nations as the 1977 edition of Football Homecoming unfolded in a thrilling game against Heritage Hall on October 1. And we won! Lori Magdalena, a vivacious senior blonde, was pronounced Football Queen. Mike Bussey crowned the new queen. Lori and her Royal Court are pictured below, left to right, Tommy Wilsie, Kathy Key, 1976 Queen, Flowergirl Lisa Austin, Crownbearer Cash Tate, Mike Bussey, Queen Lori, Teresa Gill, Mike Higgins, Lori Kirk, and Bill White.





MISS LORI MAGDALENA
1977
Football Queen



'SUNSHINE, LOLLIPOPS, AND ROSES'

The 1977 THS Basketball Homecoming was held on Friday night, February 4, as hundreds of alumni and students witnessed the gala event. "Sunshine, Lollipops, and Roses" was the colorful theme. Miss Kari Cox, a lovely senior was crowned Basketball Queen. ABOVE, Queen Kari poses with her Royal Court, LEFT TO RIGHT, Lori Kirk, David Anderson, Bobby Pecore, Cindy Smith, Terry McCullar and Debbie Cain, the 1976 Queen.

Cindy Smith, Junior Attendant

Lori Kirk, Sophomore Attendant





MISS KARI COX
1977
Basketball Queen



Sophomore candidate Debbi Newmaster, escorted by Senior Mike Bussey.

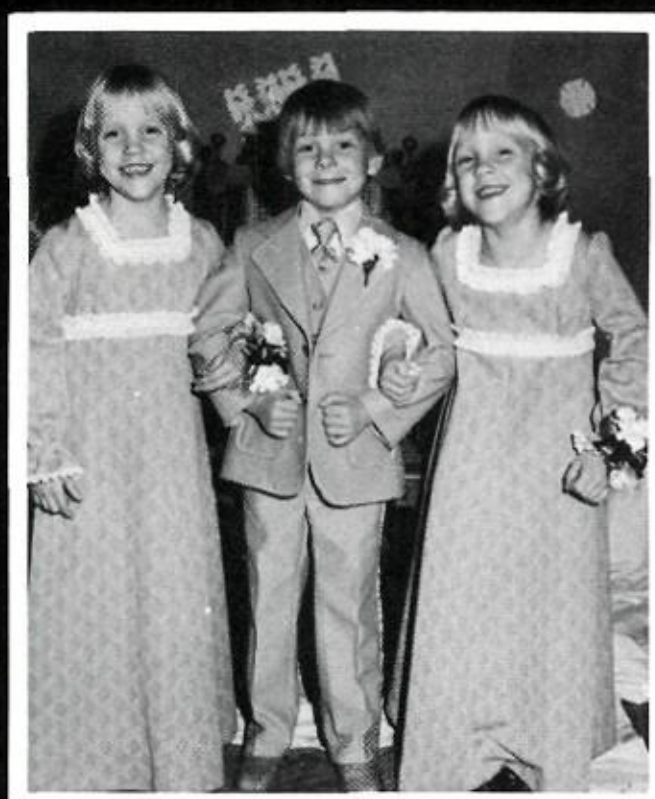
PRIDE OF THIS MATMEN

Flowergirls Tara and Twana Holten and Crownbearer Jason Couey seem to be having a lot of fun at festivities.



Junior candidate Teresa Gill, escorted by Senior Ted Belshe.

The 1977 Wrestling Queen Coronation was held Monday night, January 31. The weather outside was cold and crisp with a tinge of snow. It fit in perfectly with the "Winter Wonderland" theme for the coronation.



BELOW, Senior Queen Barbara and her Royal Court pose for photograph. LEFT TO RIGHT are Debbi Newmaster, Mike Bussey, Teresa Gill, Ted Belshe, Barbara Rutledge, Alan Bennett, Terri Straughan Houck, 1976 Wrestling Queen, and Senior escort Bill White.





MISS BARBARA RUTLEDGE
1977
Wrestling Queen



MISS MARTHA TOWNSEND

*1977
BAND QUEEN*



Brenda Wood
Senior Candidate



Cindy Kingsbury
Sophomore Candidate

'EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES'

Martha Townsend, 1977 Band Queen, THIRD FROM LEFT, poses with Royal Court following her coronation. With her LEFT TO RIGHT are Cynthia Kingsbury, Mike Zuker, Sandy Whitehead, outgoing queen, Alan Timperley, Brenda Wood, Andy Tefertiller. Mike Ealey, not pictured, escorted the new queen. The theme: "Everything's Coming Up Roses." A capacity crowd witnessed one of the year's gala events.





MISS DELLA HYSELL
1977
FFA Sweetheart



MISS TAMMY FUGETT
'Miss Oklahoma OHOSO 1977'

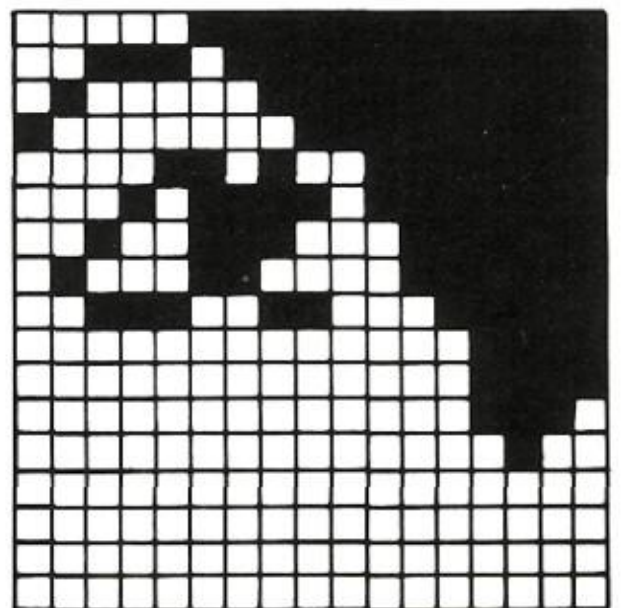
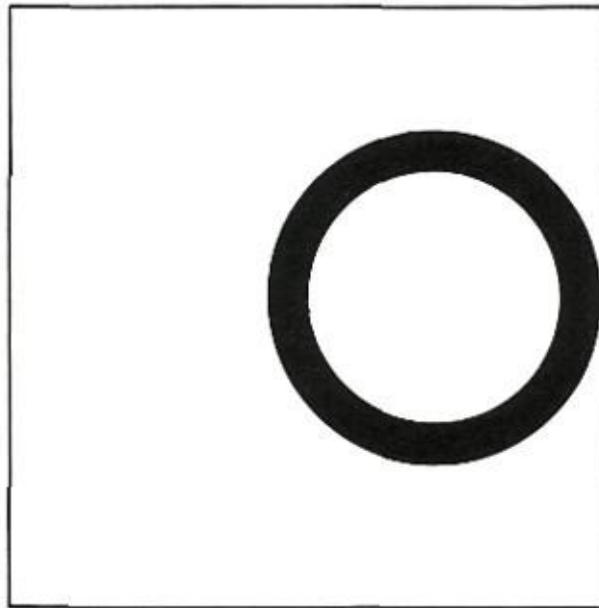
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MISS
FRONTIER
DAYS
1977

MISS TERESA HARRISON

ACTIVITIES





SENIOR BACCALAUREATE

Services for Senior Baccalaureate were held in the THS gymnasium on Sunday, May 15, 1977. It was a special occasion -- one which filled us with pride and the sudden realization we REALLY were graduating at last.

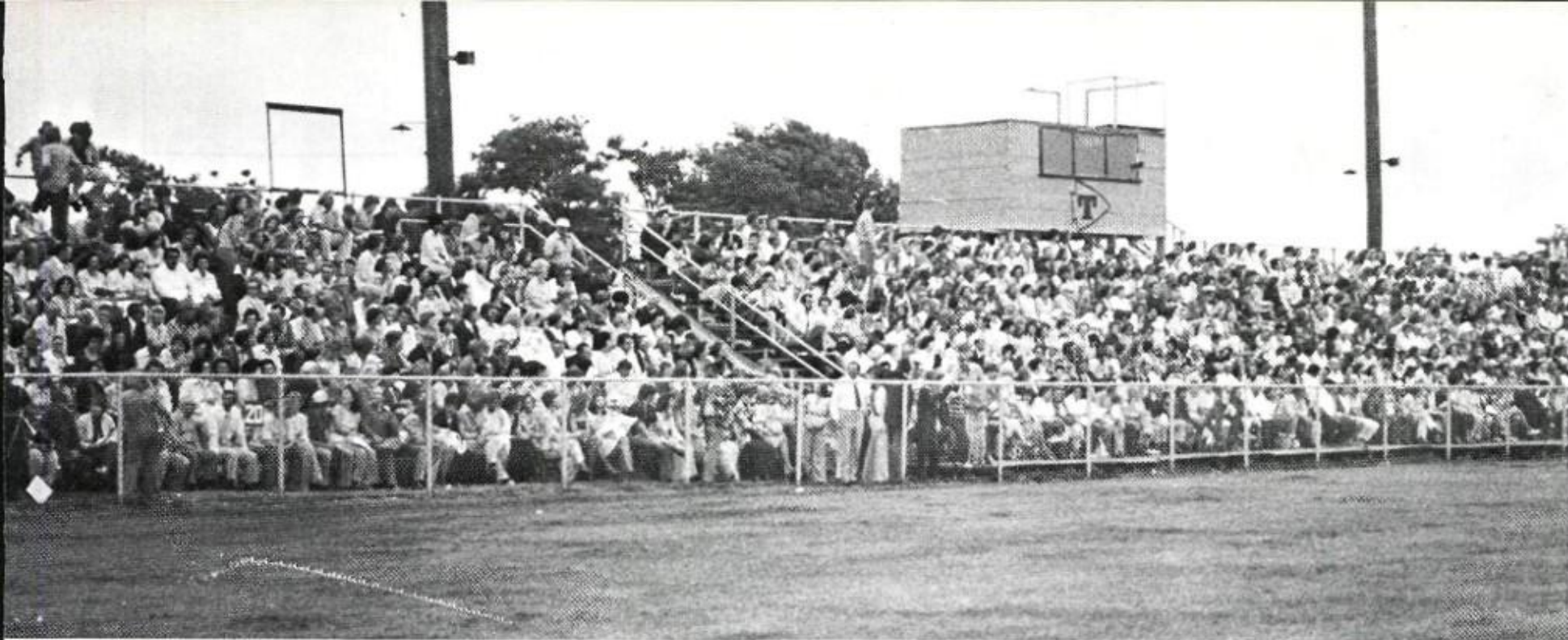
The Rev. George Snider, pastor of the Asher Church of Christ and a biology instructor at THS, delivered the Senior Sermon. He asked us "to work honestly to fulfill our dreams." The Rev. Ronnie Hurst of the Tecumseh Pentecostal Church of God and Father Michael Roethler, president of Saint Gregory's College in Shawnee, gave the invocation and the benediction.

The THS band played "Credence" and "Pomp and Circumstance," and the High School Chorus sang "The Truth Shall Make You Free" and "The World Is Yours." Supt. Alva Melot and high school Principal Jim Mihura were also on the program.



The Rev. George Snider makes a significant point to seniors.





COMMENCEMENT DAY — MAY 16, 1977

Commencement: a day that we had awaited hundreds of school days. Here it was. Our loved ones, friends, teachers... all had come to see us graduate this memorable day of days.

We joked and kidded around below and west of the football stadium, just like seniors before had done. Some of us had lumps in our throats; some were happy; some were secretly afraid of the future, and some were unbelieving this magic hour had arrived. It seemed only yesterday we were in the first grade, learning to scribble wobbly and incoherently.

The high school band played the processional and in we marched. The Rev. James Wright of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation. Salutatorian Janette Elliott spoke, then Supt. Alva Melot introduced Larry Derryberry, attorney general of Oklahoma, who was our guest speaker.

Teresa Harrison delivered the valedictory, then Principal Jim Mihura presented us to Mr. William "Bill" Straughan, president of the board of education, who presented more than 100 of us with our coveted diplomas. The Rev. Bill Roberts of South Rock Creek Church of Christ gave the benediction.

It was an evening never to fade from our memory.



On the speaker's stand were, LEFT TO RIGHT, W.L. "Bill" Straughan, president of the board of education, Principal Jim Mihura, Attorney General Larry Derryberry, the Rev. James Wright, the Rev. Bill Roberts, and Supt. Alva Melot.

'FRIENDS'

During the most beautiful time of our lives
in the days of youth and forgotten memories.

I return to the past and I see... you.

You were always there, eager to care,
Someone with whom to share my personal
triumphs and silent tears.

You were gifted with the ability to give,
not only to take.
I know your innermost thoughts and feelings
as you know mine...

But, my friend, people grow older as I know
we must.
We will grow apart and live our separate lives.

When I am content to sit and recall your years
in T.H.S.
I will remember you...
as my friend.

Valedictorian



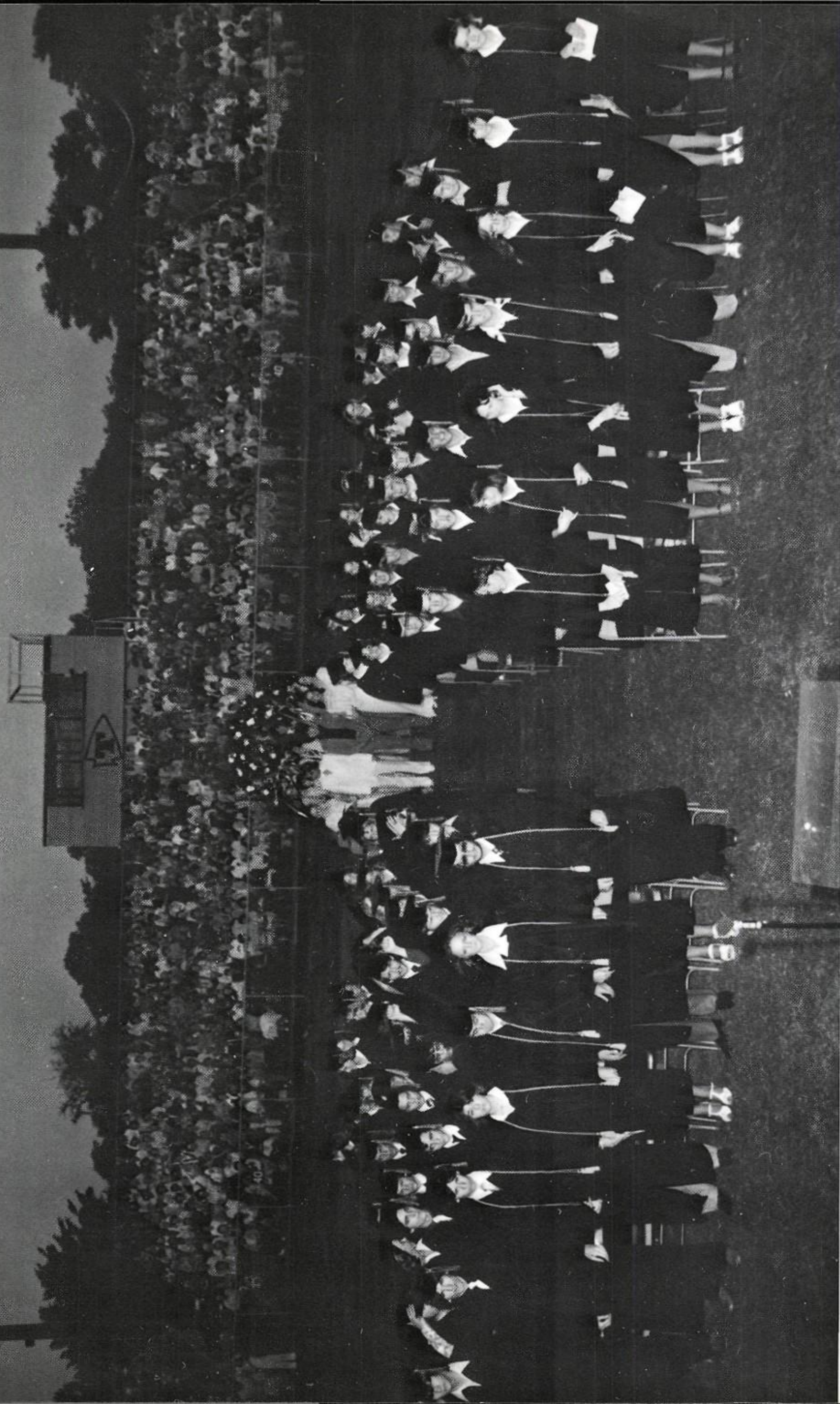
Teresa Harrison

Salutatorian

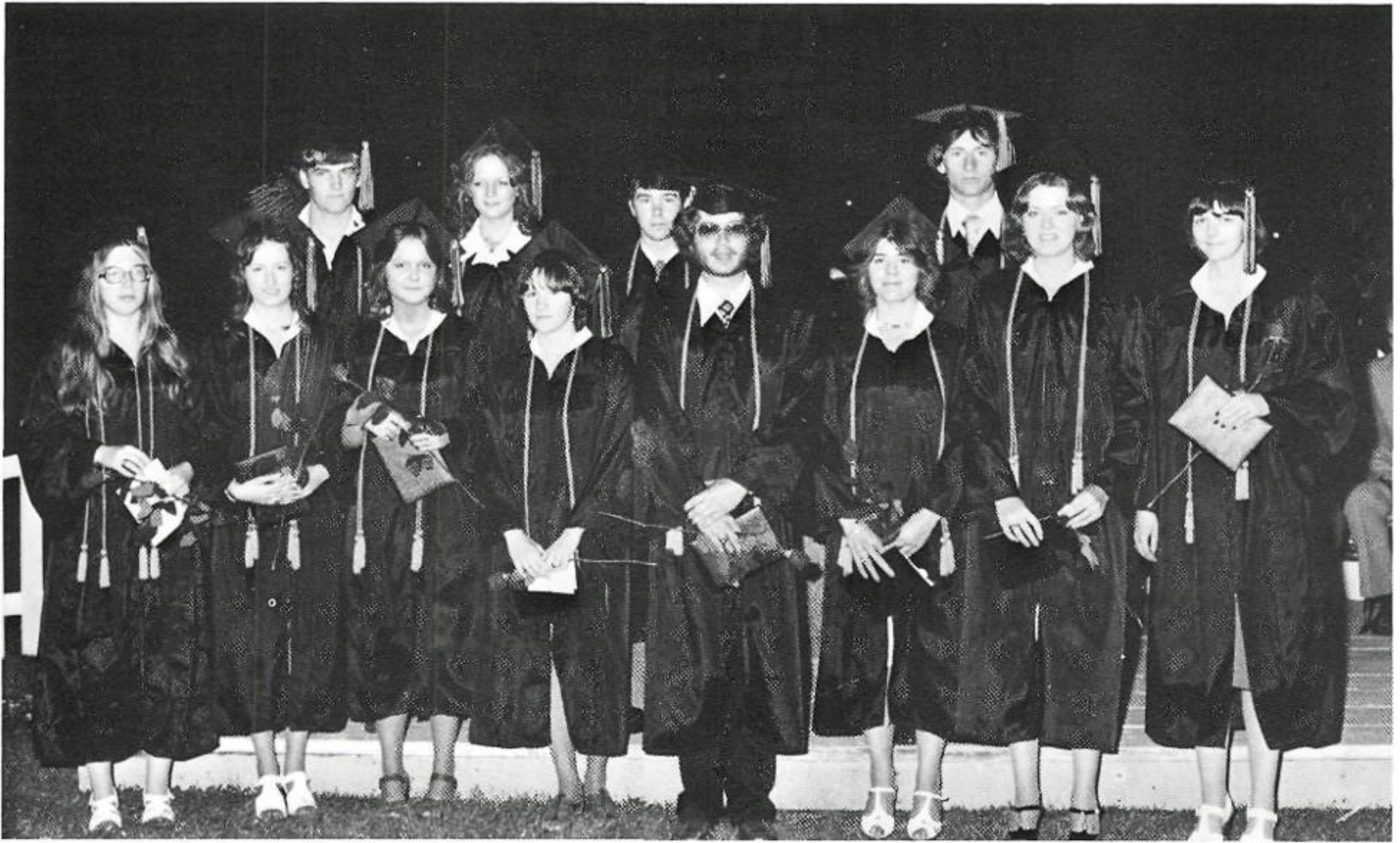


Janette Elliott

PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 1977



'THE TOP TEN'



"TOP TEN SENIORS, CLASS OF '77." This year, several THS seniors tied in their four-year grade point average. Thus, 12 seniors were named to the top of the graduating class. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Sheryl Ann Kingsbury, Debra Sue Phillips, Terri Lynn (Baldwin) Lawson, Deborah (Newton) Jennings, Robert Gene Bentley, Deborah Ann Webb, Teresa Deone Harrison (valedictorian), Janette Carol Elliott (salutatorian). ROW 2, Joseph Alan Sevy, Tammy Lorraine Fugett, Alan Herbert Timperley, Tommy Wilsie.



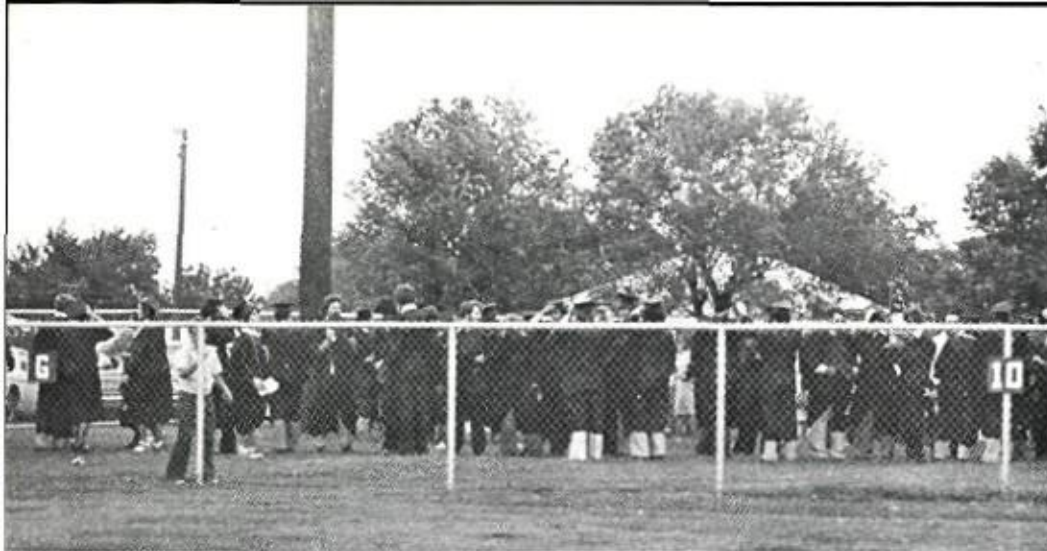
Formally dressed arch bearers lead way to commencement as standing-room-only audience looks on.



Supt. Alva Melot introduces guest speaker for commencement.



Guest speaker was Larry Derryberry, Attorney General of Oklahoma.



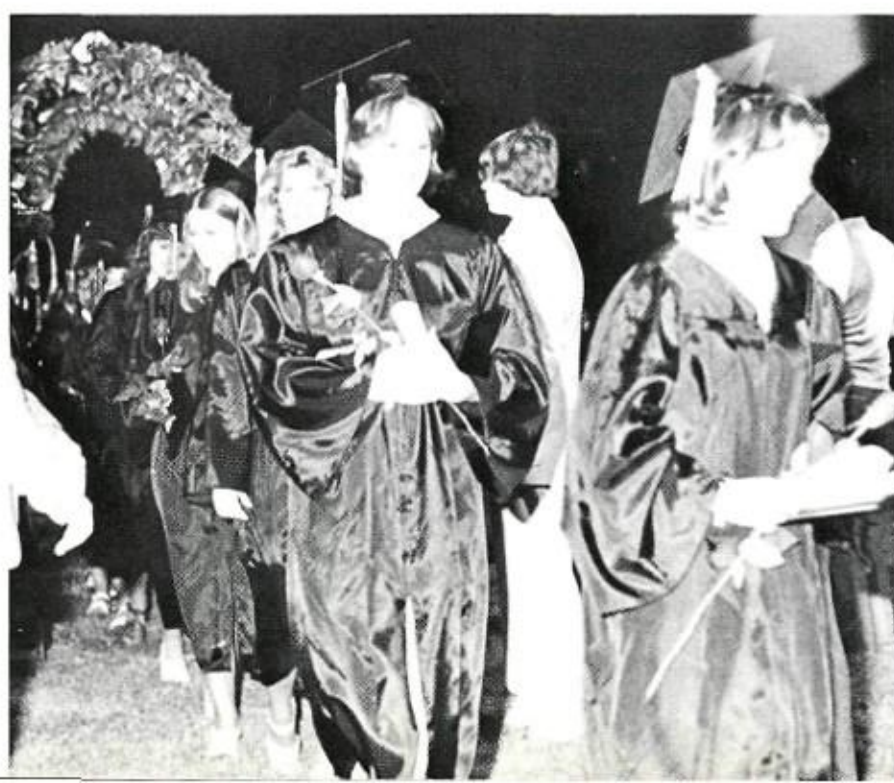
Graduates-to-be gossip behind fence at football stadium prior to commencement exercises.



Mr. Moring and ever faithful THS band plays beautiful music for commencement audience.



Valedictorian Teresa Harrison and Salutatorian Janette Elliott lead '77 class to seats. BELOW, roses in hand, happy, delirious grads march through arches of roses after exercises.



HIGH SCHOOL SONG



-1-

When as a freshman first I came
Into these spacious halls of fame
Great was the awe that filled my mind,
Wept I for the eight grade left behind.
Then came a teacher stern and tall
Saying, 'Don't stand there in the hall --
You should be working at your lessons now.'"
Thus I began my great career
In our old High, In our old High
With teachers true and schoolmates dear;
We'll sing three cheers for our dear old high.

-- Chorus --

Oh, high school days; how dear to me!
So free from care; so full of glee,
Our truthful hearts in song we raise
And troubles leave for future days!

-2-

Come to the class rooms now with me
And the results of labor see,
Algebra, Latin, English too
History, Science ever new.
Here we learn to paint or draw
Work with a hammer and a saw
Or cook a dainty meal for you and me --
And if we do not walk just so
Or turn our head, or wink an eye,
Then to the office we must go
And beg to stay in our dear old High

-- Chorus --

-3-

Now to the gym we turn our mind
Where all our athletes brave we find,
Playing a speedy, skillful game
Adding new laurels to our fame.
Here we see boys and girls galore
Throwing at baskets from the floor,
While others choose the diamond or the track.
Here come the giants, strong and tall,
And very spry, so very spry!
With goal and touchdown conquering all --
The football squad or our dear old High!

-- Chorus --



Ten lovely beauties of Tecumseh High School vied for the coveted title of Miss Frontier Days. Among the contestants were, LEFT TO RIGHT, Teresa Harrison, Kim Martin, Joni Mihura, Karen Cearley and Kim Clemens.

FRONTIER DAYS PARADE

Many THS students, as well as elementary students, paraded in the huge Frontier Days Parade in downtown Tecumseh on Saturday, May 28. Miss Frontier Days was featured in the parade. She was senior Teresa Harrison. First runner-up was Desiree Davidson and Kim Clemens was named Miss Congeniality. They were featured in parade, too.



Miss Frontier Days '77 gives crowd sample of her winsome smile. She was also valedictorian of her class--with perfect "A's."



More Tecumseh High School beautiful coeds competing for the Miss Frontier Days title were, LEFT TO RIGHT, Mary Wisdom, Desiree Davidson, Tracey Miller, Jayne Garner and Tammra Mankin. Miss Davidson won runner-up title.





Best Personality

GINGER ABERNATHY and MIKE TUCKER

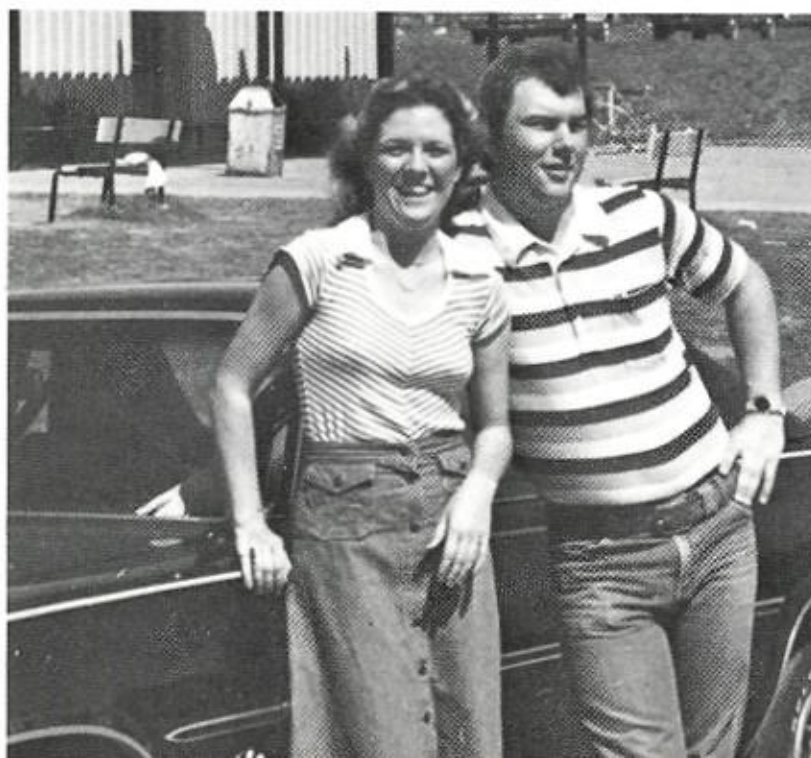


Most Likely To Succeed

JOE SEVY and TERESA HARRISON

Best All-Around

DEBBIE BRANSON and MIKE HIGGINS



SENIORS ELECT THEIR FAVORITES



Mr. & Miss THS

BARBARA RUTLEDGE and CHRIS POOL

Best Dressed

JAMIE LANCE and JEFF PERRY





Wittiest

PAT UPTON and BRENDA WOOD

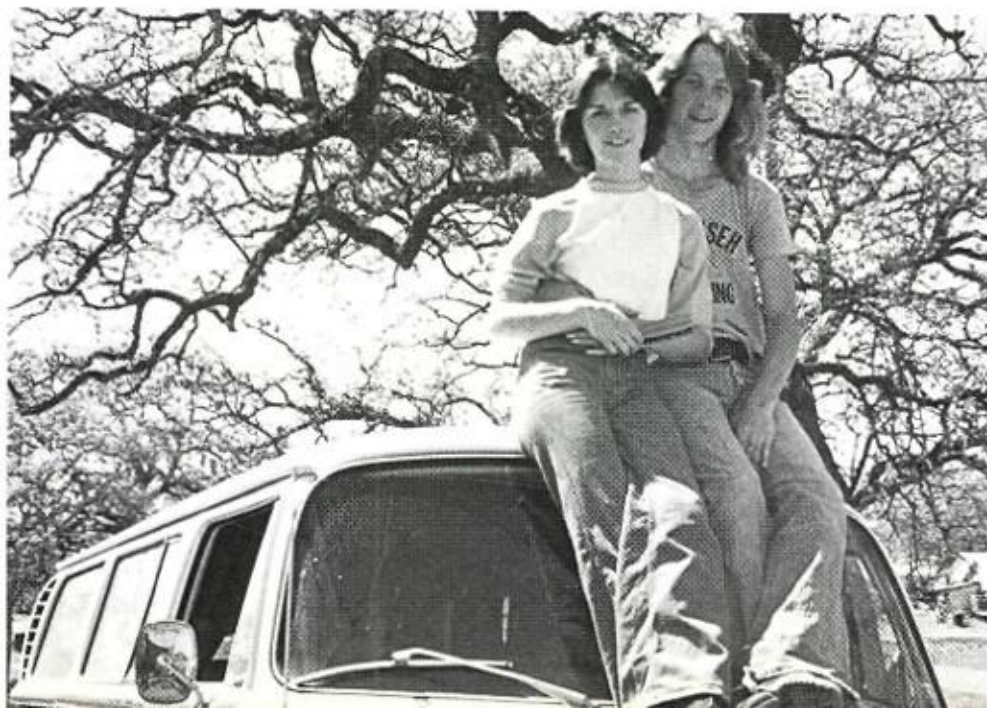
Friendliest

GREG BUCKMASTER and SARA SANDEFUR



Most Popular

TERRI HOLT and JEFF SCARBERRY



WHO'S WHO AROUND THS

Most Talented

JANICE BAKER and BILL WHITE



Cutest

TOMMY WILSIE and SANDY SEHON



'77 HOME EC STYLE SHOW



Four seniors, Denise Hamilton, Sara Sandefur, Teresa Harrison and Joy Kelly, have fun showing off the kiddie fashions they created.



Emceeing "Easter Parade '77" were Lori Magdalena and Debbie Webb.

'EASTER PARADE '77' HIGHLIGHTS FASHIONS

A large audience almost filled the Tecumseh High School auditorium this year to view latest fashions and creations of various Home Ec classes.

Girls modelled as if they were professionals. Perhaps the hit of the style show was the many kids, who wore fashions made by students.

With pride we cut cloth from dozens of patterns, then turned to thread, buttonholes, hemming and trusty sewing machines to turn out our masterpieces.

It was fun, educational--and we got some beautiful clothes to wear!



ABOVE, freshmen Connie Burton, Leslie Magdalena, Phyliss Trice and Darla Lane show off their chic outfits. BELOW, accompanying children they have made creations for are Juniors Debbie Greenlee, Sharon Minchew, Cindy Kieffer, Trudy Bedwell and Sandy Sigman.



WALKING IN FRONT OF BIG AUDIENCE are 8th grade students Tina Clark, Rhonda Fare and Donna Fisher. Seems as though you're never too young to learn sewing and making your own slacks, dresses and tops. Mrs. McDonald did a good job teaching us.





Kelly Loveless was big hit with comedy skit on the "modern housewife."



Eighth graders look very fashionable as they model their Easter Parade of fashions. LEFT TO RIGHT are Laura Harwell, Angie Thompson, Terese Rider, Paula Love, Kelly Bowan, Sheila Stansell, Natalie Wood and Tammy Stone.



Susan Ely played the music for this years Home Ec style show.



ABOVE, appreciative audience files out of auditorium following fashion show. BELOW, more models display their nice-looking dress and sports wear.

Seniors Sandy Sehon and Kim Martin surprise Mrs. Clyde Ruth McDonald, home economics instructor, with lovely gift. Mrs. McDonald completed 20 years at THS.



JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET '77

'WISHES'



Juniors Ricky Starks and Risa Trahan have a good time reading the "Prophecy" to the audience.

Lovely senior Janice Baker entertained with an appropriate song: "You Are So Beautiful."



Enjoying all the sumptuous food they can eat are Mike Higgins and Joni Mihura at cafeteria line.

HOLIDAY INN SETTING FOR REMEMBER WHEN'S, FINAL SENIOR WILL

Date: 9 April, 1977

Place: Holiday Inn, Shawnee

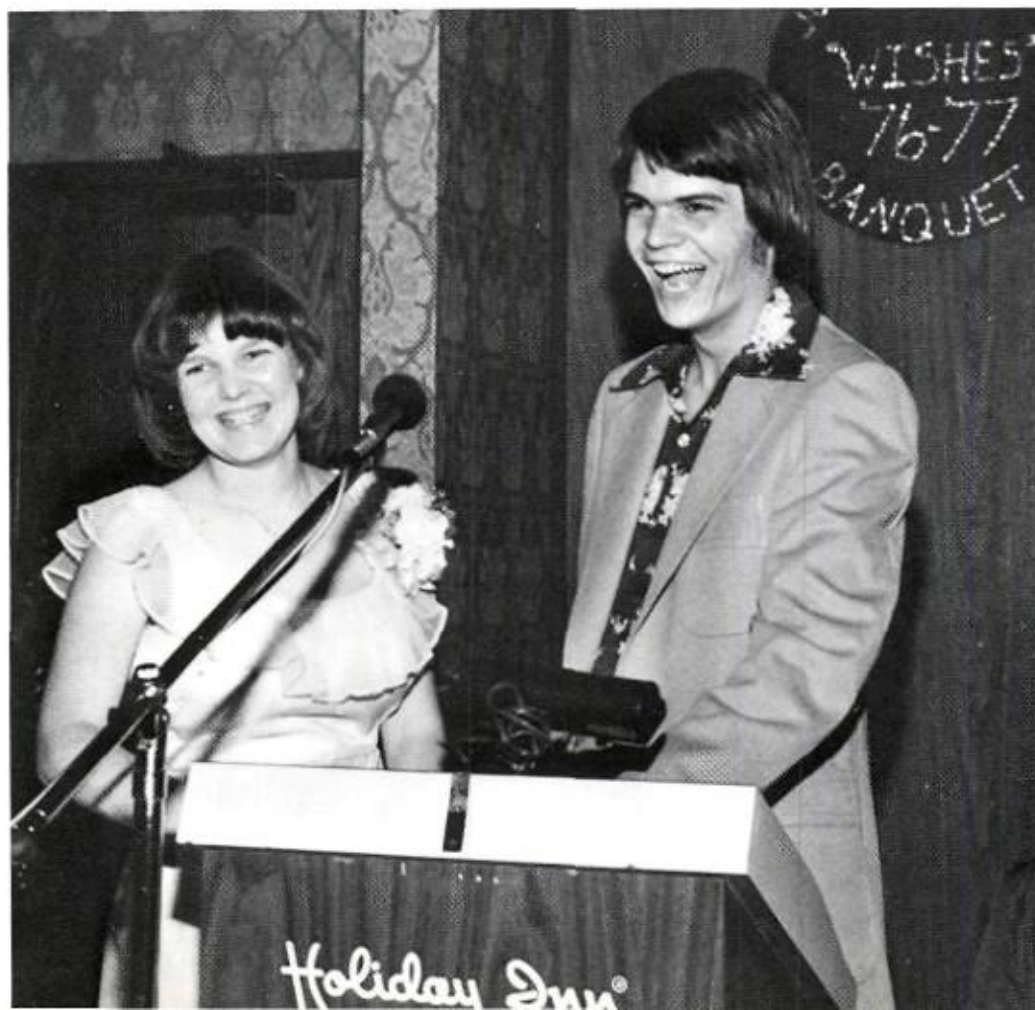
Time: 7 p.m.

That was the setting for this year's gala Junior-Senior Banquet, which was attended by almost every member of the two classes.

The theme was "Wishes," which went like:

I wish you health
I wish you wealth
I wish you gold in store
I wish you heaven after death
What could I wish you more?

LaDonna Crow and John McMahan can hardly contain themselves as they deliver the "Remember Whens."



SENIORS, JUNIORS ENJOY FUN, FRIVOLITY

SENIOR COLORS:
Blue and Green

SENIOR MOTTO:
Tomorrows never come
Yet we must be on our way
Yesterdays are gone
But we still have today



Senior Wills caused many chuckles as Seniors Bill White and Teresa Harrison somehow managed to stop laughing and deliver them.

Senior Tommy Wilsie delivers Senior "Thank You."



Danny Ledford leads benediction.
BELOW, Holiday Inn in Shawnee.



BELOW, photo gives good idea of number of hungry and well-dressed juniors and seniors who turned out for gala event. Formals and tuxedos were order of the day, it seemed.



ALL-SPORTS BANQUET '77



Tommy Wilsie, LEFT, poses with THS Outstanding Boys Athlete Trophy and Outstanding Baseball Player Award, while Kari Cox holds THS Outstanding Girls Trophy and Tennis Award as Oklahoma All-State selectee. Teresa Harrison, RIGHT, holds Gary Guinn Trophy and Outstanding Girl Basketball Award.



Coach Bob Avery presents Jay Watkins with Outstanding Boys Basketball Award.

BEST ATHLETES OF THS HONORED FOR ABILITIES BY THEIR COACHES

The scene for the 1977 All-Sports Banquet for Tecumseh High School athletes was the OBU Student Center.

The Pep Club girls had decorated the walls with uniforms of the various sports represented. Also, in front of each coach was a shoe and flower, the shoe signifying the sport the coach headed.

Winning Young Savage awards outstanding effort were Joni Mihura, girls basketball; Keith Cox, baseball; Teresa Gill, tennis; Margaret Murrell, track; Steve Clark, track; Bobby Pecore, basketball; Randy Gilbert, wrestling, and Mark French, football.



Bill White smiles as Coach Paul Sternberger awards him the Matt Brown Memorial Award. BELOW, Coach Ken Praytor presents Mike Bussey Outstanding Wrestler Award.

Tommy Wilsie, winner of many awards this year, is presented Outstanding Baseball Award by Coach Mike Robinson. Wilsie was "Conference Player of Year" and named to Pott County All-Star South team, along with Mike Bussey.





Head cheerleader Lori Magdalena surprises pep club sponsor Mrs. Jeanne Hargis, with a gift. Looking on are cheerleaders Debbie Webb, Sara Sandefur, Barbara Rutledge, Teresa Gill and Terri Holt.



Senior Bill White, recipient of many awards, smiles as Barry Jackson presents him the Jaycee Athletic Award.

WAR SONG

Sing the war song of old Tecumseh,
Raise your golden banners high.
Tell again the old story
Of the deeds and days gone by, rah rah rah
Once more ye sons and daughters,
We'll rally at our call,
And we'll fight, fight, fight for old Tecumseh
And victory o'er all!



Senior Kari Cox, winner of Outstanding THS Girl Athlete award, is happy as Coach Charles Dudley presents her with a trophy. BELOW, Pep Club Buddy Mike Higgins gets genuine kiss from cheerleader Terri Holt.



It's a proud moment for Jeff Scarberry as tennis Coach George Snider presents him plaque as the Outstanding Boys Tennis player in THS.



Football Coach Paul Sternberger presents a surprised Teresa Harrison with the coveted Gary Guinn Award for 1977.



BOYS & GIRLS STATE

Representing Tecumseh High School at Boys State and Girls State were six boys and two girls. They served honorably. Laurie Hulin and Sandy Sigman attended Girls State at East Central Oklahoma State University in Ada.

Attending Boys State at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah were Steve Clark, Tim Holt, Merritt Roberts, Ricky Staszyn, John Belshe, and Mark French.

At Ada, 416 girls from over 200 state high schools heard Fifth District Congressman Mickey Edwards speak on "Americanism," and also heard Gov. David Boren, Lt. Gov. George Nigh, Attorney General Larry Derryberry and Oklahoma City Mayor Patience Latting.

Boys boths and girls leanred a great deal about local, state and national government.



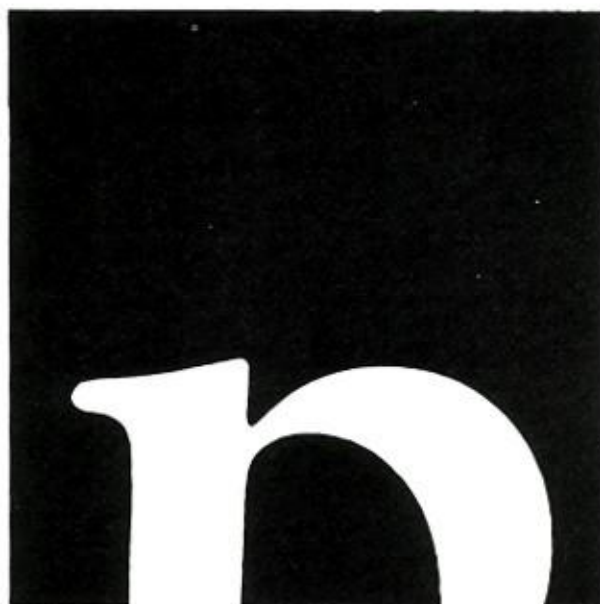
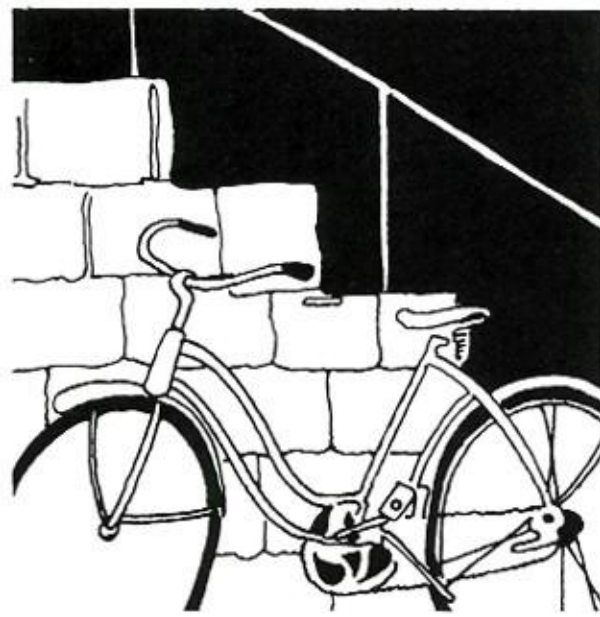
Some of the Boys and Girls Staters who gave oral reports about their experiences at the American Legion pot luck supper for them June 20 were FRONT, John Belshe and Steve Clark, and BACK ROW, Laurie Hulin, Sandy Sigman and Carla McLin. Carla is from Macomb but was also sponsored by the Tecumseh American Legion post and the Macomb YHO. The girls said Lt. Gov. George Nigh was their favorite speaker.



Telling of their Girl State experiences at a Tecumseh Business and Professional Women's Club dinner were Laurie Hulin, SECOND FROM LEFT, who was sponsored by the BPW, and Sandy Sigman, sponsored by the Tecumseh American Legion Auxiliary. PICTURED WITH THEM are Violet Humphrey, LEFT, president of the BPW and LEFT, Anna Marie Brown, of the Tecumseh American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Brown was editor of the Girls Stater, newspaper for the girls.

Boys State representatives from THS were, LEFT TO RIGHT, Merritt Roberts, Steve Clark, Tim Holt and Ricky Staszyn. Tim was a police judge, and Steve and John Belshe, NOT IN THIS PICTURE, were state representatives and on the agriculture committee. Merritt Roberts was in Arkansas and did not get to report his experiences. Not pictured are John Belshe and Mark French.

JUNIOR HIGH





8TH GRADE

Students spill out of Junior High School following another busy day of learning of the more advanced 3-R's.

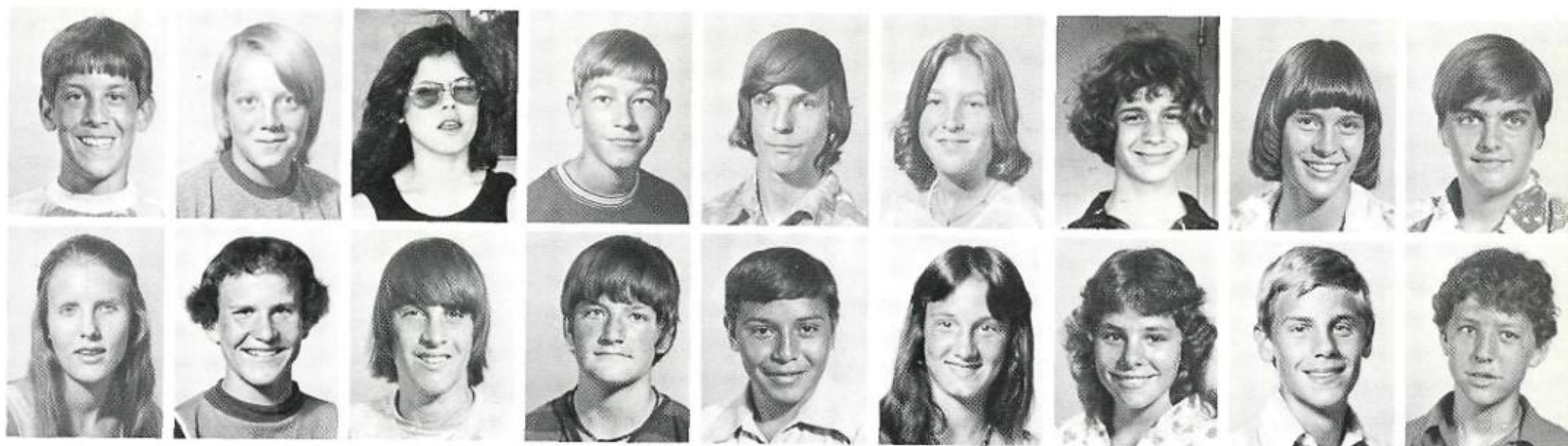


ROW 1 - Terry Abernathy, Terry Allen, Billy Amerson, Dana Asher, Terri Austin, Phil Barnes, Rodney Beaver, Jody Black, Tina Blackwell. ROW 2- Terry Blankenship, Kelly Bowen, Lisa Bowen, Don Brown, Roger Broyles, James Brown, Jeff Brown, Sharon Brown, Jay Burris. ROW 3 - Kathy Carderara, Mary Carter, Robert Caskey, Paula Chamblin, Mark Cheatwood, Tina Clark, Julie Coatney, Mark Cole, Darrell Cook.

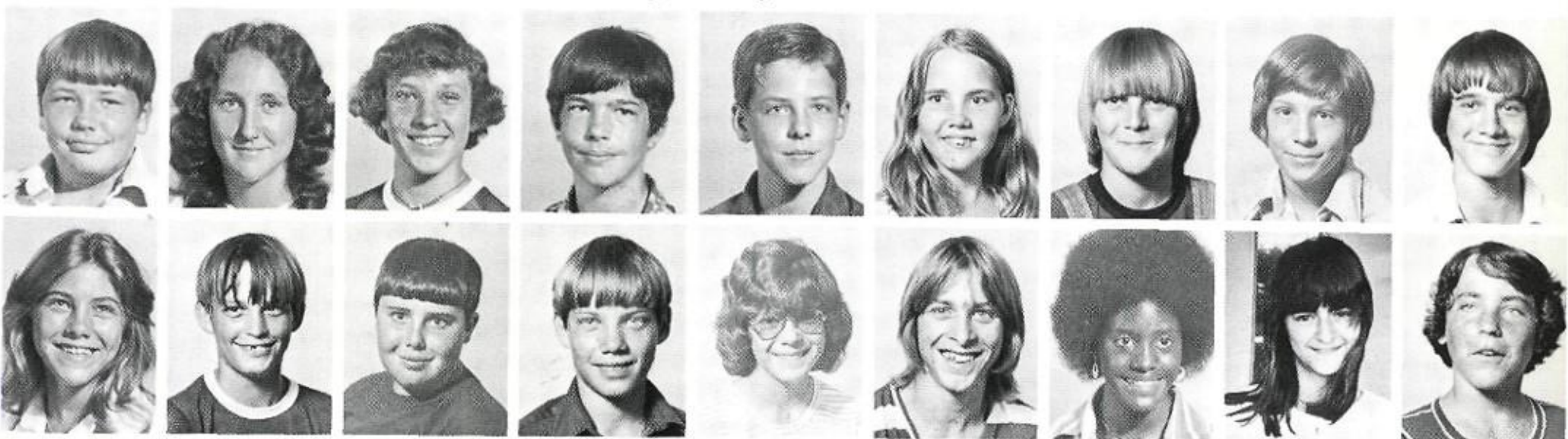


ROW 4 - Donna Craig, Lisa Dabbe, LaDonna Darby, Danna Davis, Jim Deatherage, Randall Deatherage, Charles Drake, Susan Ely, Donald Essary. ROW 5 - Rhonda Fare, James Fire, Donna Fisher, Connie Flick, Neil Frankovich, Tracy Fruit, Ginger Garretson, Peter Gates, Ronald Gilbert. ROW 6 - Wayne Haddox, Mike Hales, Christy Haley, Sam Hardin, Paige Hargis, Lauri Harwell, Larry Higgs, Clayton Hollingshead, Teresa Howell.

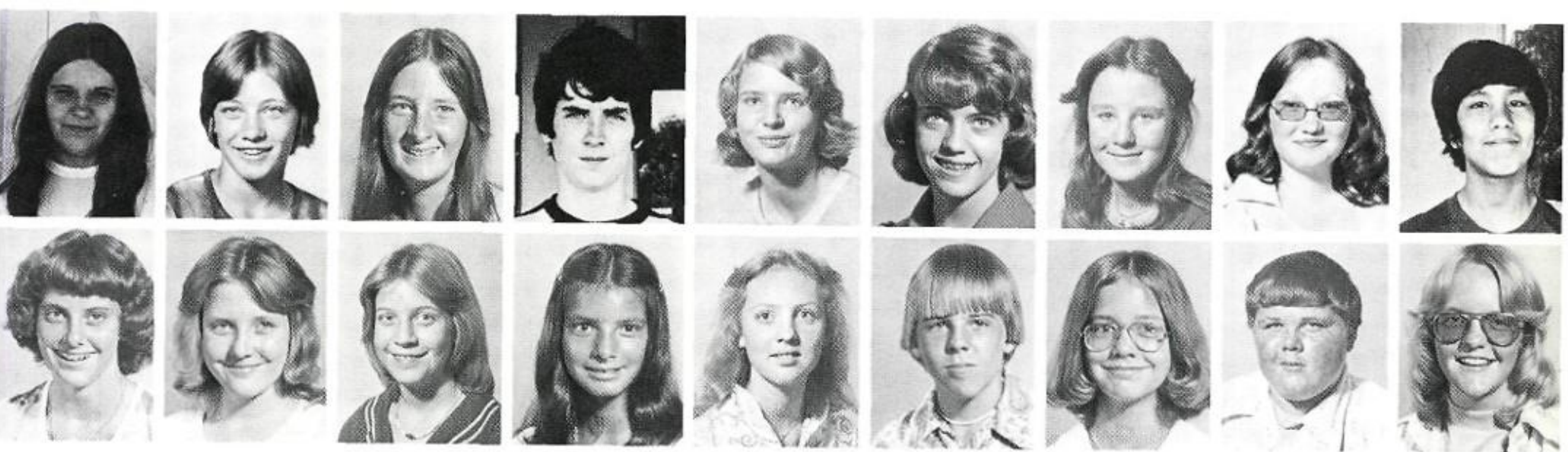




ROW 1 - Tony Hulin, Vincent Johnson, Ray Jenna Kidney, Clifford Kieffer, Greg Love, Paula Love, Tommy Magdalena, Patti Martin, Randall Martin. ROW 2 - Darla Matthews, Larry Mauk, Tracy Melot, Tim Montgomery, Doug McGirt, Toni McLesky, Kelly McCloud, Craig McKnight, Mitch McLin.



ROW 3 - James Neal, Susan Newman, Steve Nievar, Matthew Nix, James Oldham, Jonell Owen, Jeff Potter, Kenneth Price, Mike Pritchard. ROW 4 - Kim Prewett, Billy Reeves, Ricky Reeves, Steve Reid, Terese Rider, Buddy Rogers, Linda Ryan, Janice Scarberry, Tim Scarberry.

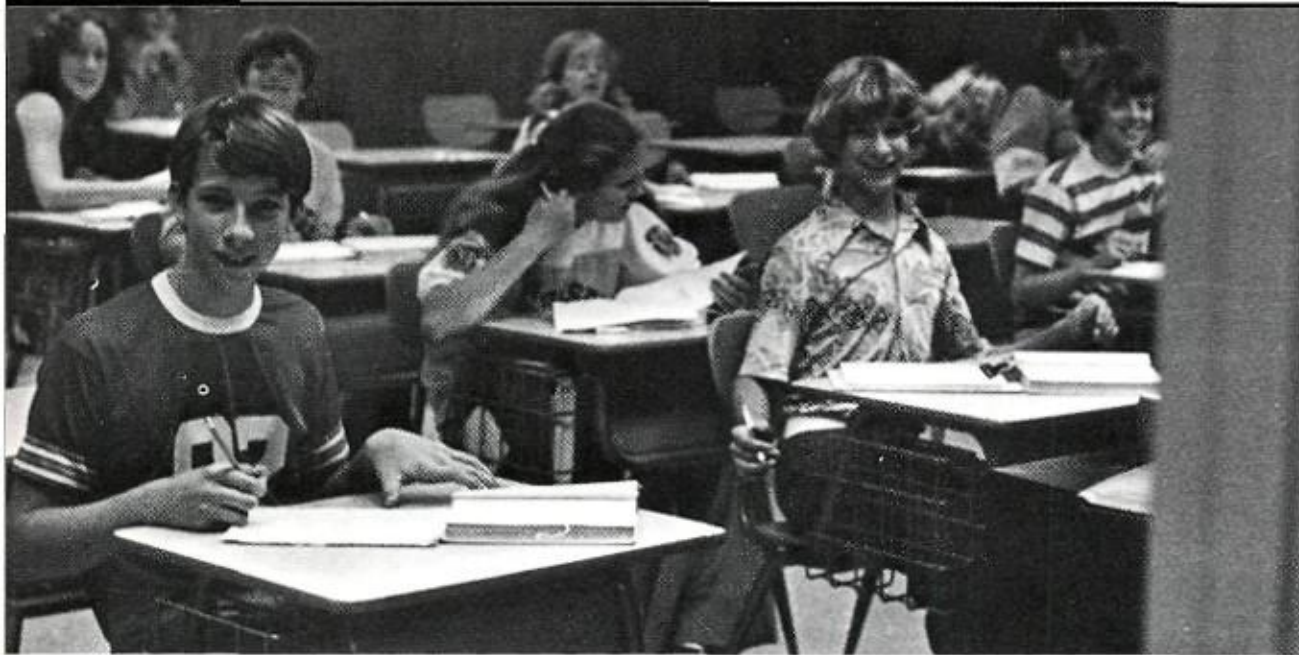


ROW 5 - Debbie Scott, Kathy Seals, Terry Shirey, Jeff Sigman, Penny Simms, Susan Sisney, Donita Smith, Shelia Stansell, Steve Hill. ROW 6 - Beverly Stith, Tammy Stone, Robin Stricklin, Angie Thompson, Debbie Tipton, Chuck Tootle, Frances Topping, Ron Vanderburg, Pam Vickery. ROW 7 - Fred Villines, Janet Walker, Randy Wallace, Iwanna Whitebird, Linda Wiggins. ROW 8 - Robert White, Mark White, Brenda Willison, Sherri Wittman, Natalie Wood



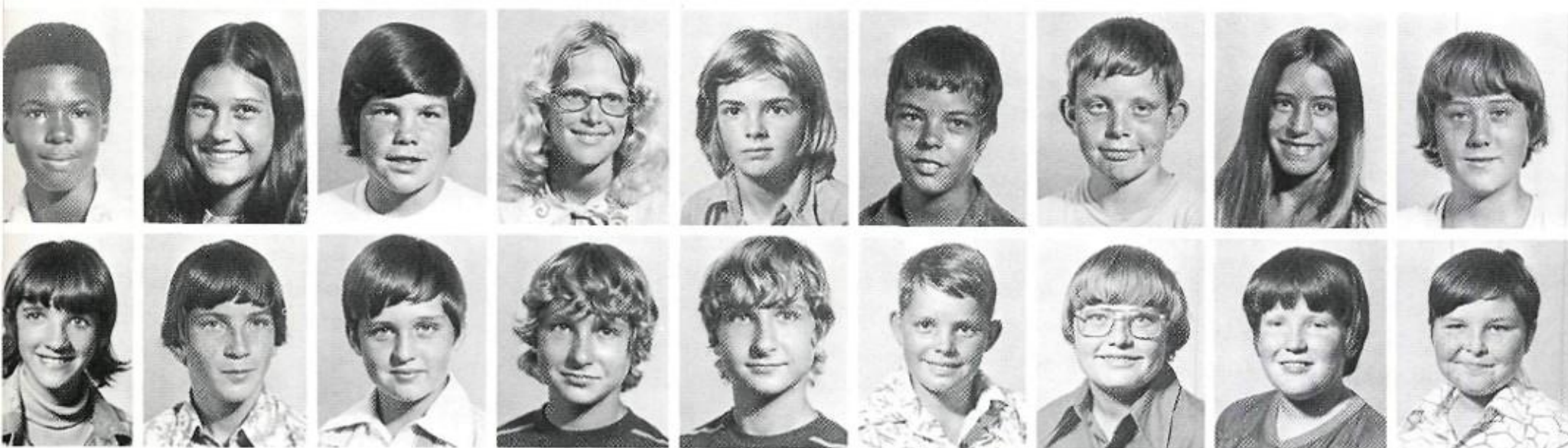
Physical Education break-time!





7TH GRADE

This grade is harder than the 6th!!!

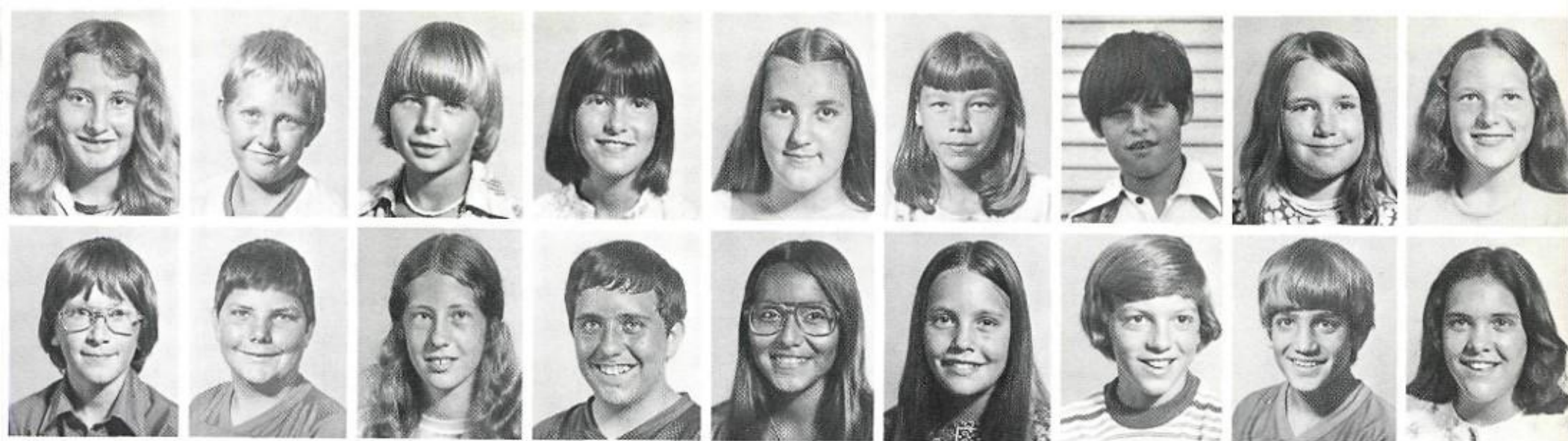


ROW 1 - Don Alexander, Rae Lynn Anderson, Steven Bade, Tammy Barnes, Donnie Bass, Randy Bellamy, Rodney Beaver, Shirley Bennett, Daniel Bentley. ROW 2 - Bobbie Botkin, James Bowen, Charles Bowan, Gary Brown, Glen Brown, Mike Brown, Ricky Buckmaster, Robert Burns, Bill Butler. ROW 3 - Kathy Caudill, Tamara Childers, Anita Claborn, Cindy Clark, Raymond Clark, Kelly Clemens, Jose Colon, Susie Colon, Steve Coker.

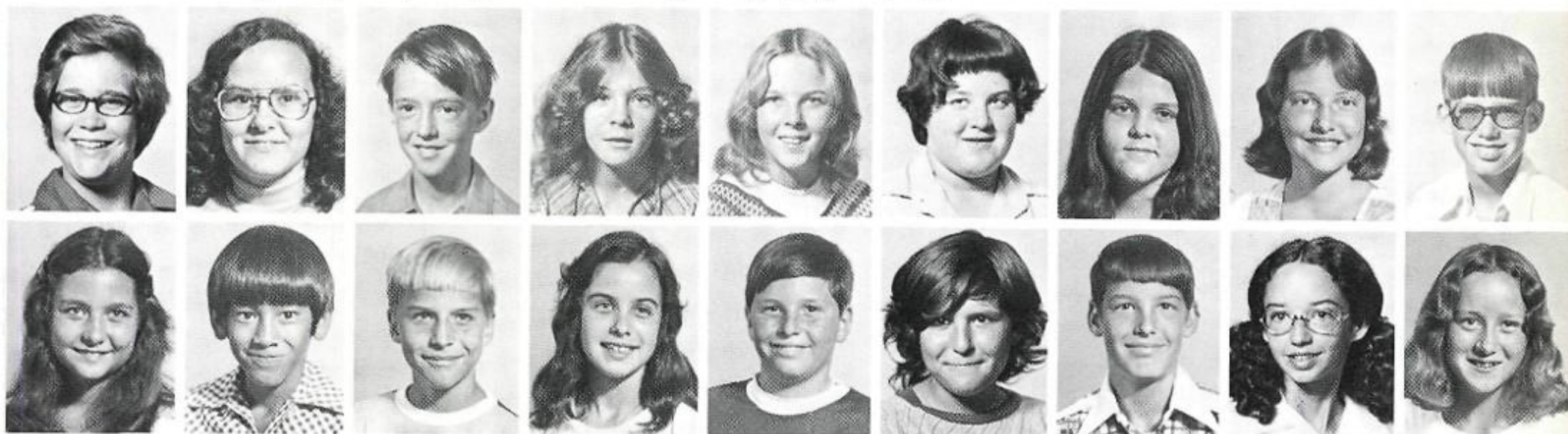


ROW 4 - Holly Cole, Debbie Copeland, Pamela Cooper, Kurt Cox, Brett Cranford, Karen Crow, Tommy Cummings, Ronda Danner, Bobby Darby. ROW 5 - Harold Deatherage, Chariss Dennis, Jerry Dodson, Steve Dudley, Larry Earls, Nadine Farrow, Ross Fisher, Rhonda Flowers, Steve Floyd. ROW 6 - Melissa Fowler, Garion Fuller, Rofail Gentry, Rosie Gorum, Tony Gorum, Edward Gray, Darren Hamilton, Daniel Herrell, Karla Hooser.





ROW 1 - Becky Hughes, Jody Hughes, Jeff Hybarger, Shayla Johnson, Tracy Johnson, Carla Kieffer, Eddie Kidney, Lisa Kingsbury, Sulyne LaValley. ROW 2 - Kenny Ledford, Coy Long, Diane Lynn, Kenneth Martin, Patti McGirt, Frances McMahan, Doug McSperritt, Kenneth Montgomery, Sonya Morris.

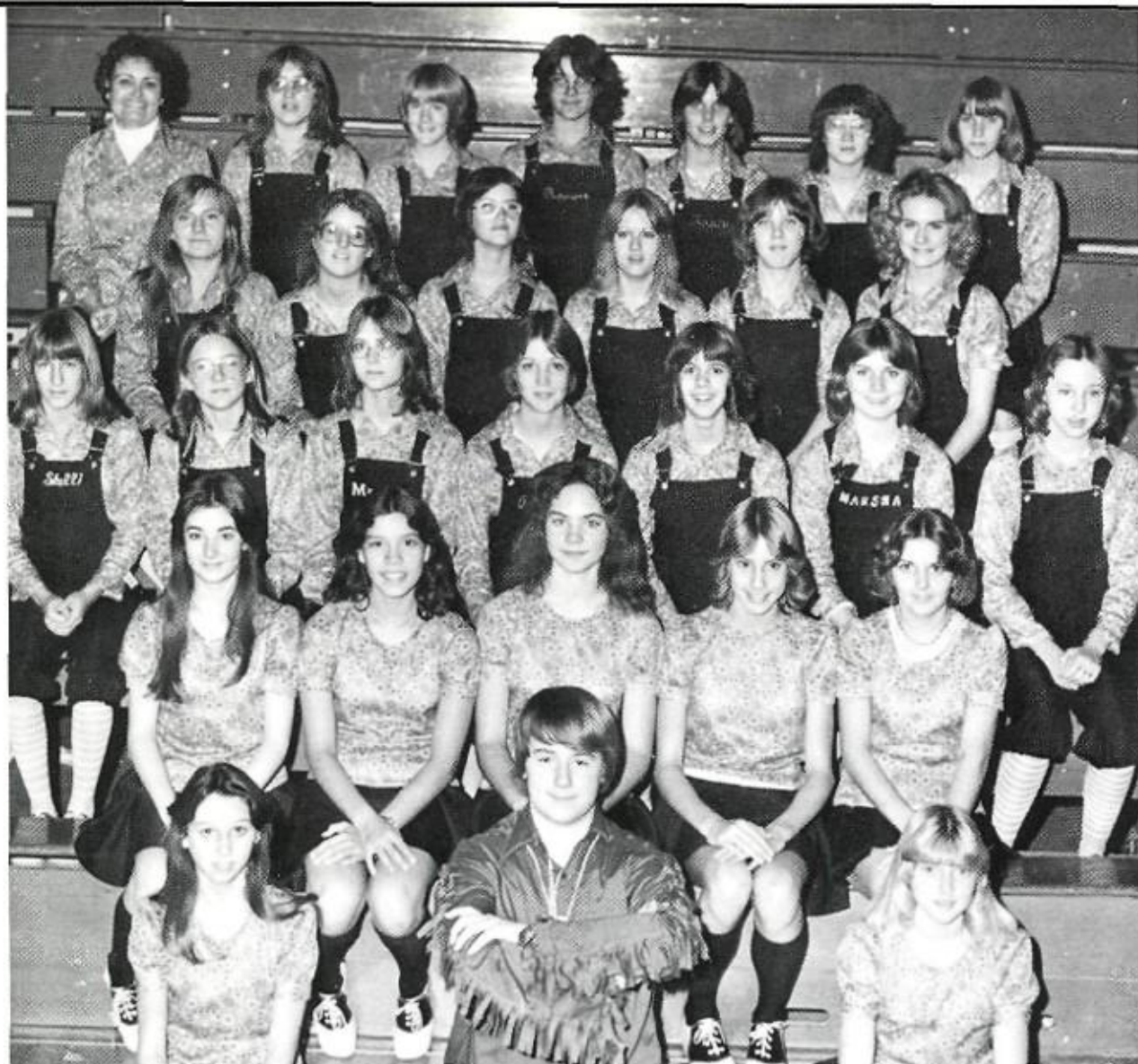


ROW 3 - Carrie Moudy, Jill Napier, Jeff Nicholas, Teresa Norton, Lori O'Dell, Lela Olive, LaQuita O'Neal, Tammy Parson, Jesse Payne. ROW 4 - Dawn Ramsey, John Reed, Jerry Reeves, Karen Reeves, Brad Richardson, Teresa Rowton, Mark Ryan, Elizabeth Scott, Mary Jane Seawright.



ROW 5 - Tammy Simon, Jeff Sparks, Marilyn Staff, Laurie Stafford, Robbie Stasyszen, Michelle Sweaney, Kim Swearingen, Mike Tate, Steve Tipton. ROW 6 - Ronnie Trindle, Neal Trobaugh, Doffard Walker, Doug West, Sammy White, Christy Whitehead, Johnny Wiggins, Ray Wills, Bobbie Winstead. ROW 7 - Mark Withrow, Mike Yates, Duane York. ROW 8 - Bobby Young, Brenda Young, Kristie Young.





FRESHMEN PEP CLUB

What are pep clubs made of? Of screaming, delirious, zany, students like freshmen, that's what!

Our spirit never faded this year. You could get chill bumps watching and hearing us. And our boy and girl athletes were winners!

We know we sure tried hard!

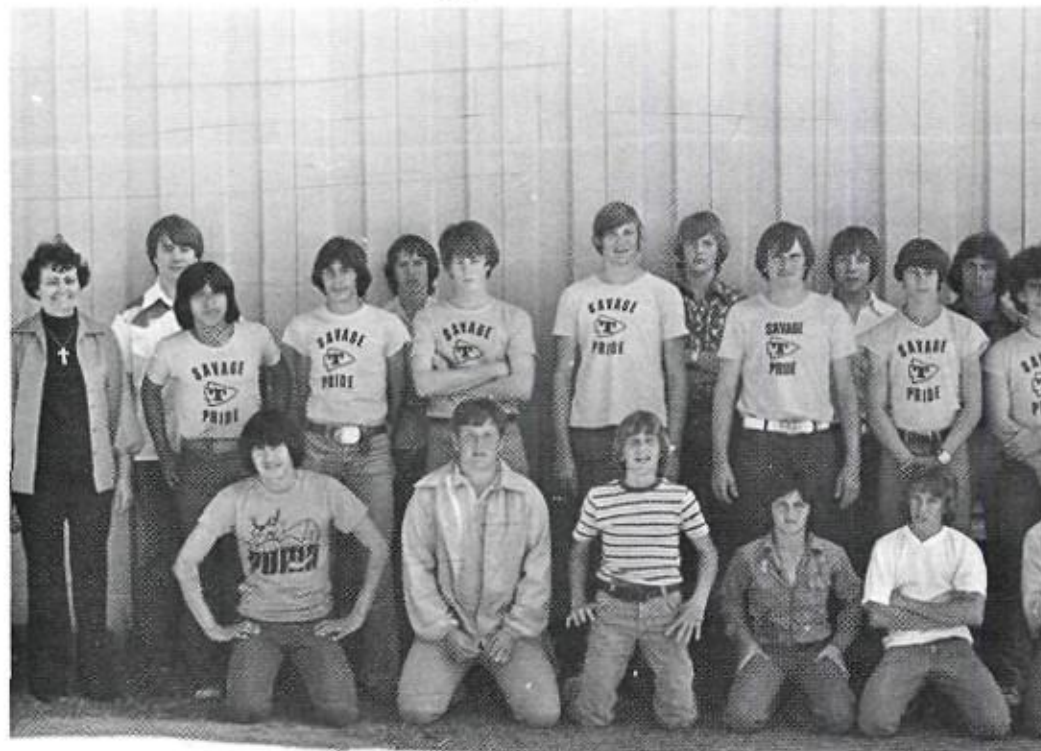


Mrs. Gay Gower... "A wonderful sponsor" who cheered along with us.

FRESHMAN PEP CLUB. ROW 1-Teresa Brady, Jay Cranford, Tracy Bussey, ROW 2-Connie Burton, Dorris Reed, Darla Lane, Beverly Monday, Susie Jeffcoat. ROW 3-Shellie Harmon, Cynthia Kingsbury, Melissa Geyer, Phyllis Trice, Leslie Magdalena, Marsha Townsend, Cyndi Cooper. ROW 4-Sharon Jackson, Sherri White, Brigetta Jessee, Gloria Cosper, Loretta Deal, Trudy Ellison. ROW 5-Mrs. Gay Gower, sponsor, Cindy Tully, Sandra Shackelford, Roxanne Morris, Tracy King, Arlene Caskey, Mary Wisdom.



FRESHMEN CHEERLEADERS. LEFT TO RIGHT ON FLOOR, Connie Burton, Teresa Brady, Susie Jeffcoat, Dorris Reed. STANDING, Darla Lane, Tracy Bussey, Beverly Monday.



The famous "Freshmen Spirit Brigade" was formed of boys who wanted to cheer and yell, too. BELOW, Cheerleaders in action during game with Holdenville. Go Freshmen, GO!





7TH & 8TH GRADE PEP CLUBS

An energetic group of pep clubbers helped Junior High athletic teams on to great victories this year. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Pam Vickery, Karla Hooser, Susan Sisney, Patti Martin, Susan Ely, Terri Austin, Rhonda Fare, Laurie Stafford, Frances McMahan, Holly Cole, Shayla Johnson, Sulyne LaValley, Linda Ryan, and Beverly Stone, sponsor. ROW 2--Tina Clark, Kathy Carderara, Paula Chamblin, Michelle Sweaney, Patti McGirt, Pam Cooper, Kristie Young, Diane Lynn, Rae Lynn Anderson, Karen Reeves, Melissa Fowler, Brenda Young. ROW 3--Donna Fisher, Danna Davis, Laurie Harwell, Tracy Fruit, Angie Thompson, Kim Swearingen, Donna Craig, Beverly Stith, Janet Walker.



Displaying their versatility, 8th Grade Cheerleaders let out with a yell for their team. LEFT TO RIGHT are Susan Sisney, Patti Martin, Rhonda Fare, Susan Ely and Terri Austin.



Busy 7th Grade Cheerleaders put on a show for the roaming yearbook cameraman. LEFT TO RIGHT are Sulyne LaValley, Laurie Stafford, Frances McMahan, Holly Cole, and "airborne" is Shayla Johnson.

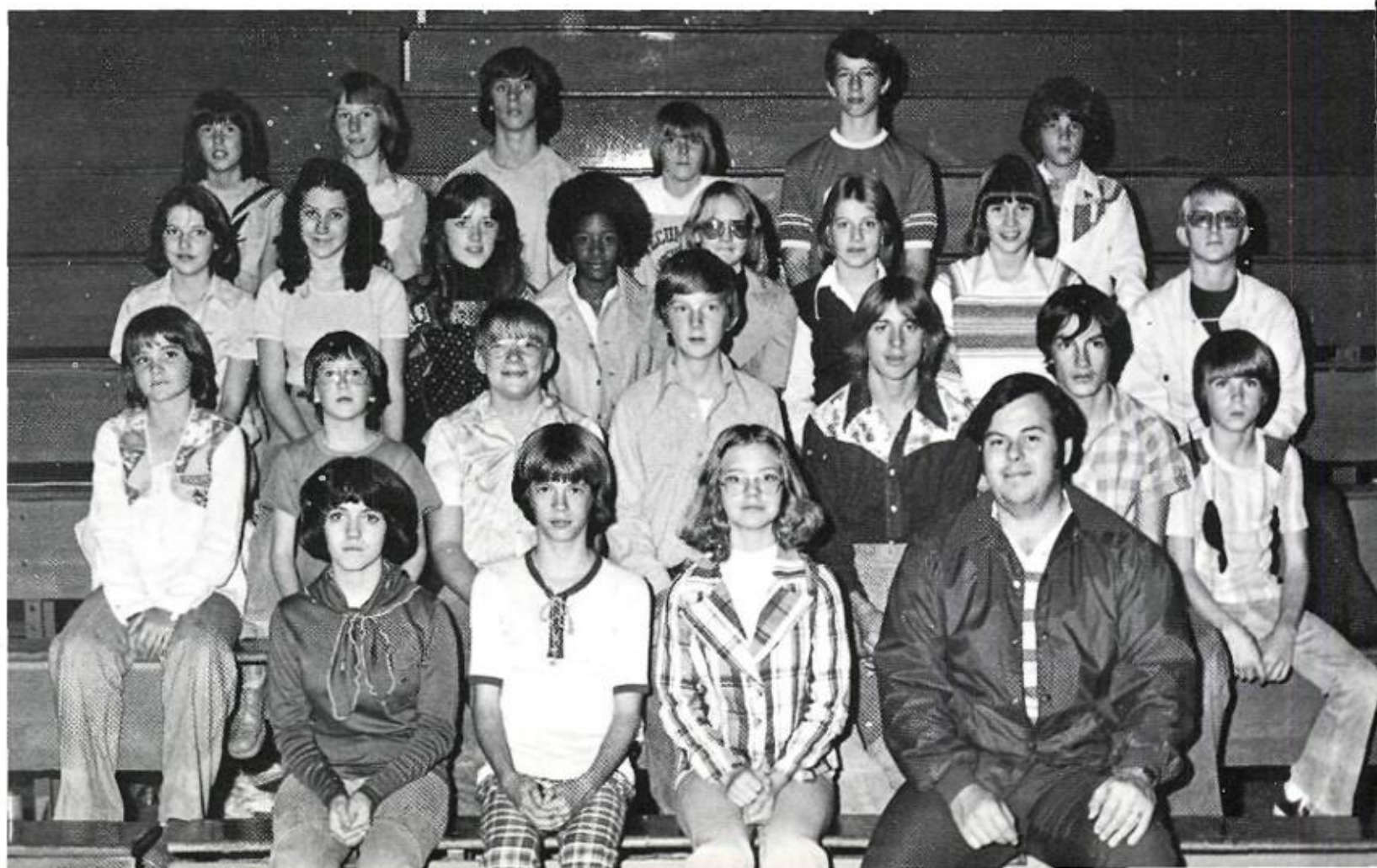


JR. HI DRAMA CLUB

JR. HIGH DRAMA CLUB 1976-77. Learning the fundamentals of acting this year were, ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Cindy Clark, Teresa Norton. ROW 2, Lisa Kingsbury, Debbie Copeland, Laurie Stafford, Kenny Ledford, Charissa Dennis, Frances Topping. ROW 3, Shelly Gillock, Holly Cole, Kim Swearingen, Daron Ramsey, Mike Yates, Robbie Stasyszen.

JR. HIGH "J" CLUB 1976-77. Publishers of the Savage Free Press newspaper, the Journalism Club published the only paper this year, since there was no high school paper. The class visited KWTY in Oklahoma City and edited a special Seniors '77 edition. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Susan Sisney, Wayne Haddox, Frances Topping, Mr. Darrell Bradshaw, sponsor. ROW 2, Shelly Gillock, Kenny Ledford, Robbie Stasyszen, Phil Barnes, Buddy Rogers, Jose Colon, Ross Fisher. ROW 3, Tammy Parsons, Susan Ely, Terri Austin, Linda Ryan, Pam Vickery, Robin Stricklen, Patti Martin, Bobby Young. ROW 4, Shayla Johnson, Danna Davis, Greg Love, Jeff Potter, Neil Frankovich, Kurt Cox.

JR. HI 'J' CLUB





JUNIOR HIGH GLEE CLUB 1977. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Laquita O'Neal, Ronda Darner, Marilyn Staff, Tammy Barnes, Christy Haley, Donna Darby, Kim Prewett, Donna Craig, Susan Ely, Patti Martin, Rae Lynn Anderson. ROW 2, Tracey Johnson, Bobbi Winstead, Kim Swearingen, Terry Shirey, Susan Newman, Melissa Fowler, Janice Scarberry, Toni McLeskey, Linda Wiggins, Julie Coatney. ROW 3, Tammy Simon, Jill Napier, Shelly Gillock, Ronda Flowers, Iwannah Whitebird, Carrie Moudy, Elizabeth Scott, Jonell Owen, Tina Blackwell, ROW 4, Teresa Norton, Cindy Clark, Dana Asher, Brenda Young, Karen Crow, Shayla Johnson, Karla Houser, Patty McGirt, Michelle Sweeney, Christy Young. ROW 5, Brett Cranford, Mike Yates, Jeff Nicholas, Randall Martin, Don Brown, Edward Gray, Rodney Beaver, Skip Harrison Matthew Nix. ROW 6, Mark Winthrow, Steve Floyd, Jody Hughes, Tim Montgomery, Bill Butler, Marcella Jones, Bobbi Botkin, Donna Hendricks.

JUNIOR HIGH GLEE CLUB

OFFICERS

Providing leadership for the Junior High Glee Club were four energetic officers. Many musical activities, under the guidance of our vocal music instructor, Mrs. Carolyn Daughtery, kept our voices in tune. Pictured LEFT are officers Tammy Simon, librarian; Rae Lynn Anderson, librarian; Patti Martin, president, and Karen Crow, secretary-treasurer.



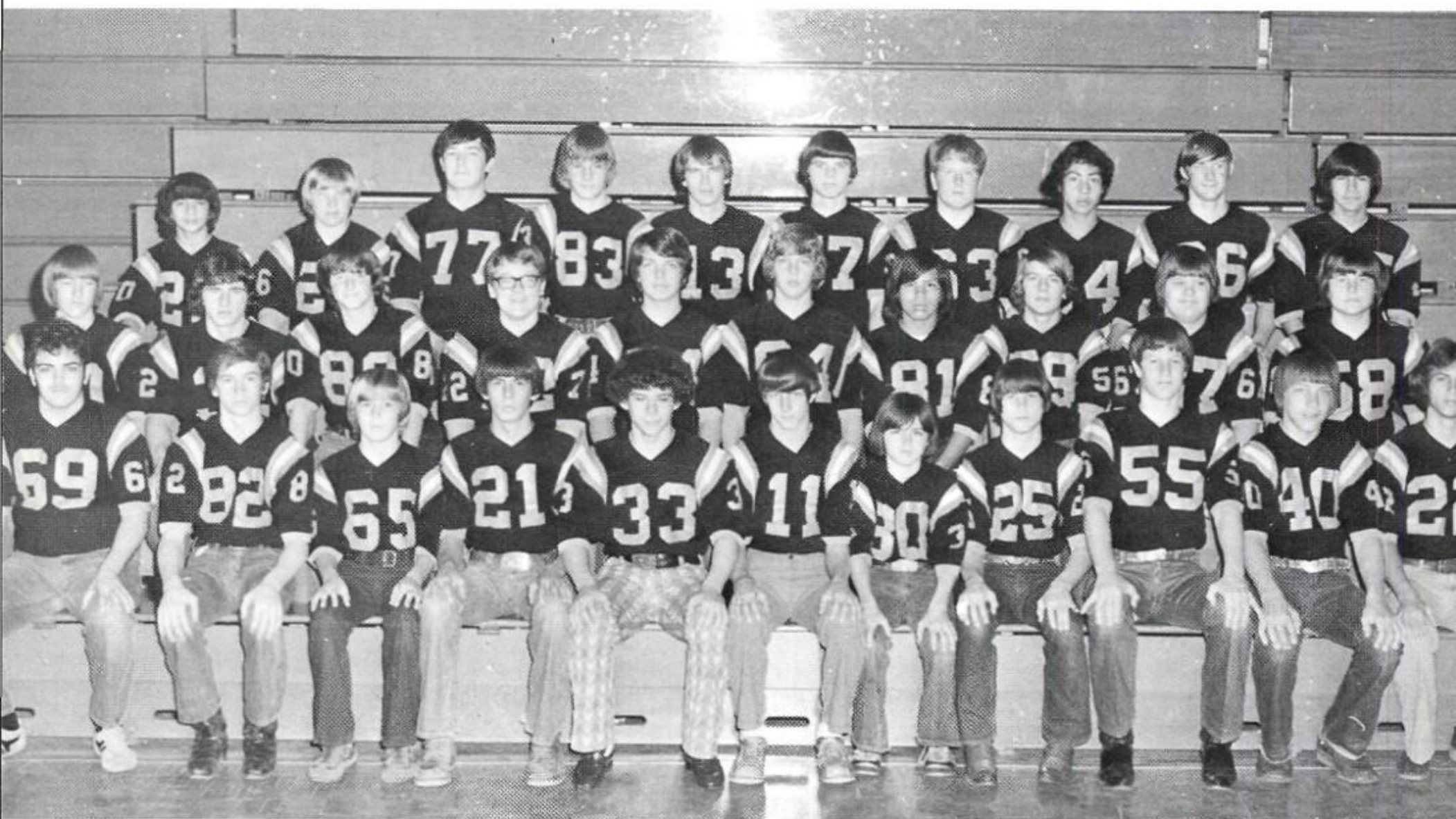
FRESHMEN FOOTBALL



GUESTS
YDS. GO



Quarterback Grant Gower throws for first down, as three Holdenville defensemen close in for kill. Savages, pinned deep in own territory, made a critical first down on Gower's perfect throw.



1976 FRESHMEN FOOTBALL TEAM. BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT, Bobby McLaughlin, Rick Lyle, Jimmy Wright, Bill Haddox, Ronnie Taylor, Tod Tate, Mitch Ealey, Denny Brown, Rick Dossey, Jimmy Fisher, Jay Sigman. ROW 2--David Tomlinson, Steve Adkins, Jeff Cahill, Tom Dodson, Tracy Howell, Ricky Sehon, Ricky Little Axe, Joe Moody, Jeff Van Arnham, Richard Belshe. ROW 3--Robert Nowlin, Mick Buckmaster, Roger Lackey, Neil Motley, Grant Gower, Steve Henderson, Jon Murray, Clark Gallaher.



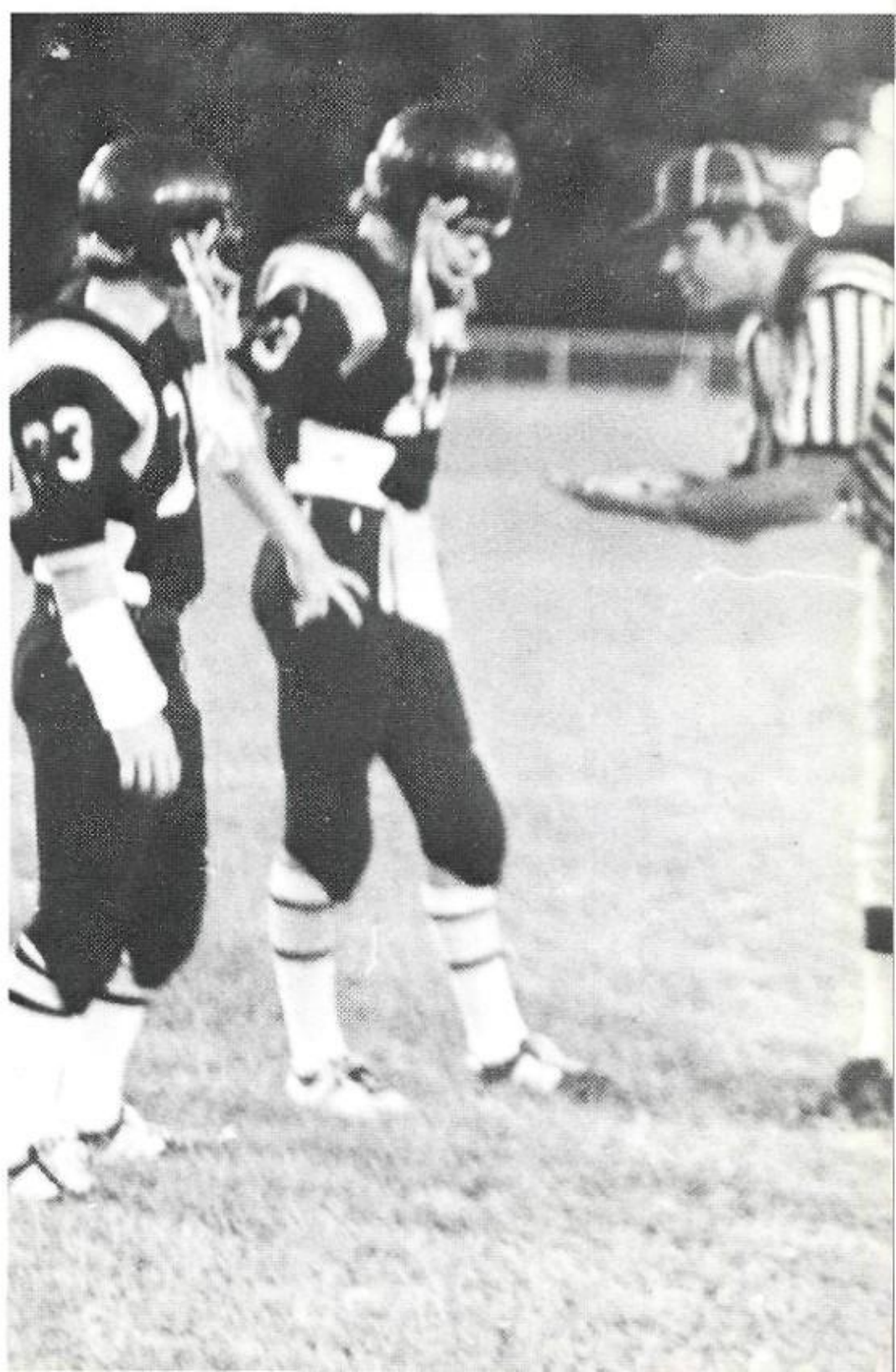
Roger Lackey raises arms in a display of success as Freshman rack up another victory over opponent.



Savage defensemen Jay Sigman, Grant Gower and Jon Murray clobber hapless quarterback for loss.



Freshman Coach Mike Combs talks over last-minute strategy with freshman Bill Haddox. RIGHT, team captains Grant Gower and Jay Sigman confer with referee on tip of the coin before a game begins.





Coaches Ken Praytor and Mike Robinson ponder next move on sideline. The 8th Grade had a great season, winning six and losing two games.

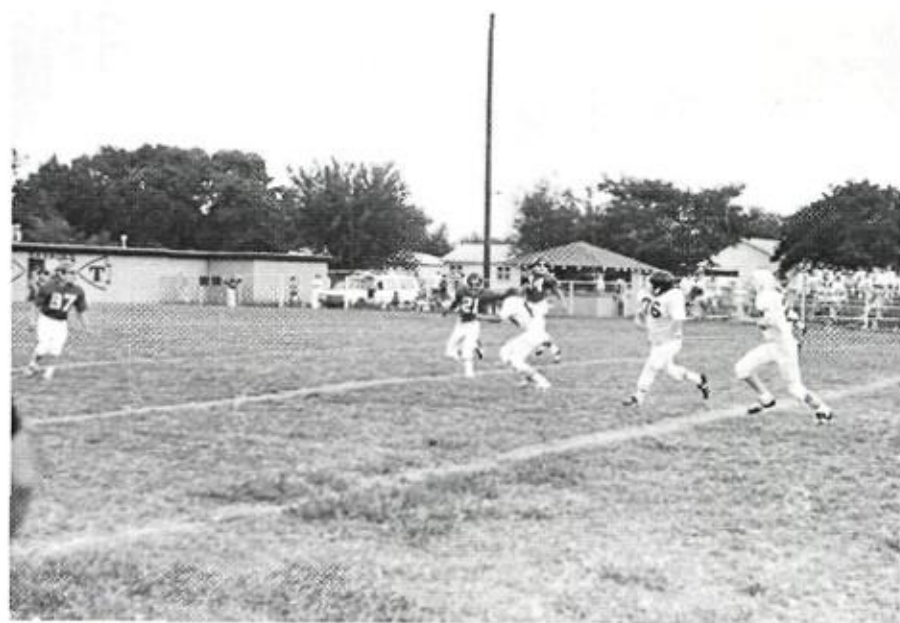


Here comes the mighty 8th Grade! Some called us the "White Tornado" -- a title well deserved by both offensive and defensive teams. We were well coached.

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL



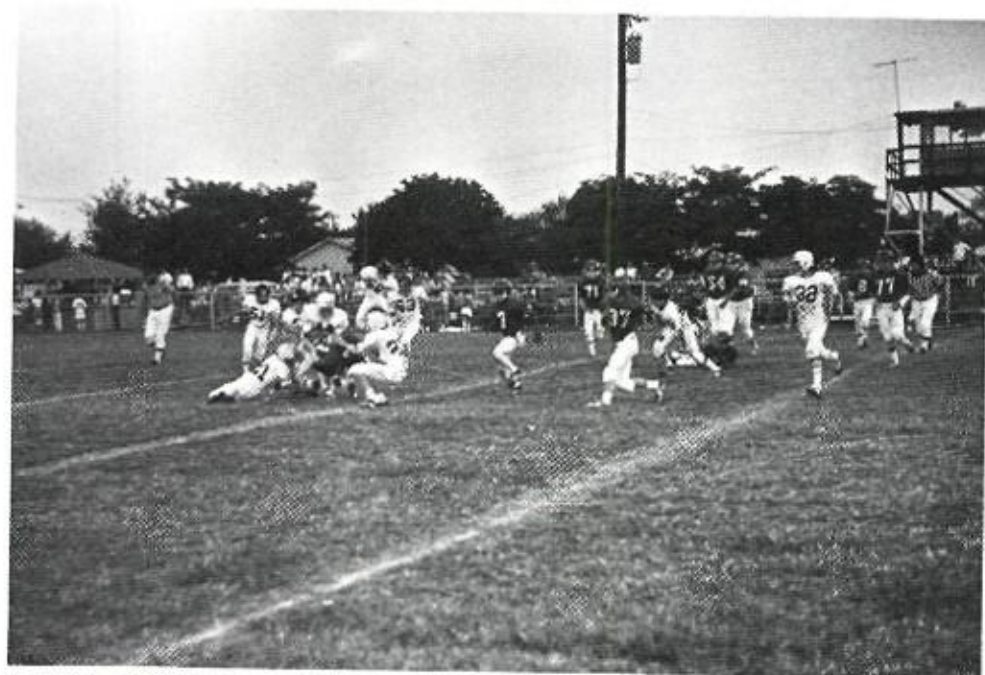
8TH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Timmy Vandenberg, Jody Black, Timmy Montgomery, Jeff Potter, Tony Hulin, Billy Amerson, Doug McGirt. ROW 2, Buddy Rogers, Mike Pritchard, Tommy Magdalena, Rodney Beaver, Tony Tomlinson, Tracy Melot, Greg Love. ROW 3, Coach Mike Robinson, Sammy Hardin, Jeff Sigman, Mitch McLin, Steve Neaver, Timmy Scarberry, Ronald Gilbert, Tuddy Smith, Coach Ken Praytor.



Oh no you don't, say Savage defenders Tubby Smith, Ronnie Vandenberg and Buddy Rogers in Stroud game.



Mike Pritchard, in white, gets set to cream a Stroud pass receiver. Pritchard caused fumble and Savages roared down field again with potent offense.



Yes, this is a Tecumseh defensive shot believe it or not, as the entire Tecumseh squad pulverizes a helpless ball carrier.



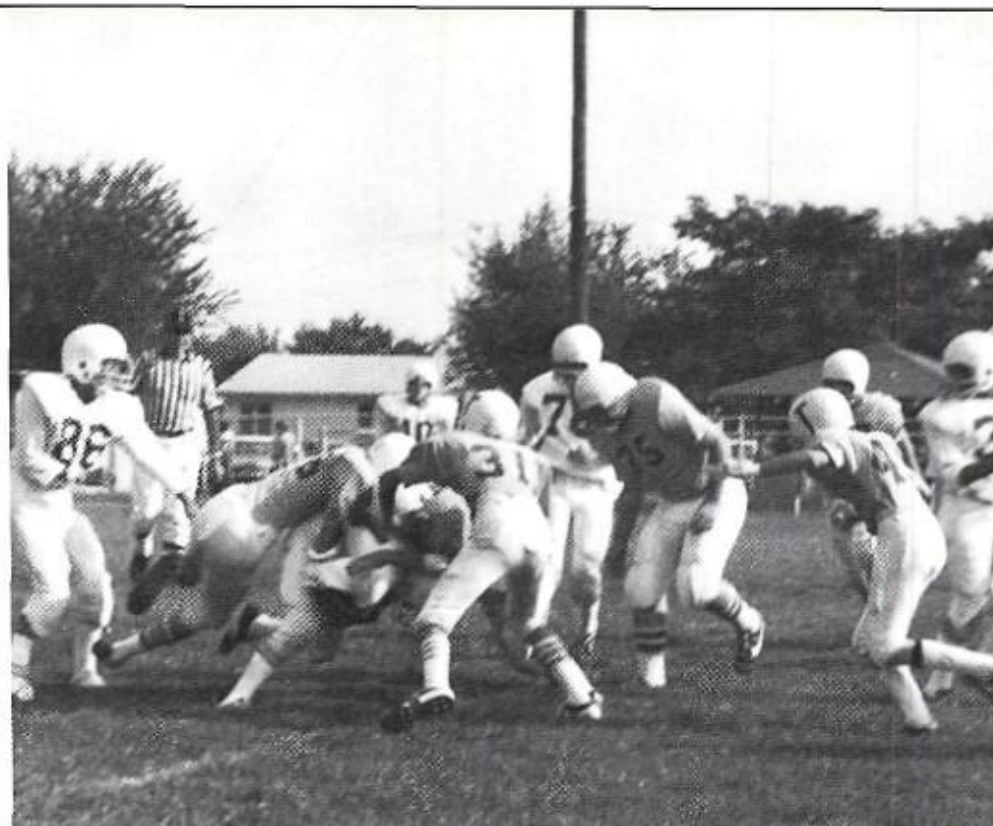
ABOVE, team and coaches walks toward dressing room at halftime. Sam Hardin is on crutches. BELOW, elated 8th grade team celebrates another touchdown with TD signal.



Dramatic action shot is captured by yearbook photographer as Buddy Rogers, FAR LEFT, sweeps his right end for long gainer. Leading interference are Greg Love and Tracy Melot.



7TH GRADE FOOTBALL



A lightning-fast 7th Grade running back smashes for five yards against stiff Holdenville defense. The Junior High Savages had a 3-4 season.



7TH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM 1976. ROW 1 - Mike Tate, Sammy White, Steve Dudley, Steven Bade, Kenny Ledford, Darrell Rothgeb, Jerry Reeves, Doug West. ROW 2 - Larry Earls, Steve Coker, Ross Fisher, Kurt Cox, Kenneth Montgomery, Darren Hamilton, Chuck Bowan, Tommy Cummings, Mark Ryan. ROW 3 - Coach Ed Mekush, Robert Burns, Skip Harrison, Bobby Young, Rafael Gentry, Jose Colon, Garion Fuller, Kenneth Martin, Dofard Walker, Steve Alexander, Coach Bruce Walck.



SEASON RECORD

Tecumseh	6	Holdenville	0
Tecumseh	24	Chandler	6
Tecumseh	0	Stroud	6
Tecumseh	8	Harrah	24
Tecumseh	0	Wewoka	6
Tecumseh	8	Henryetta	32
Tecumseh	12	Seminole	8

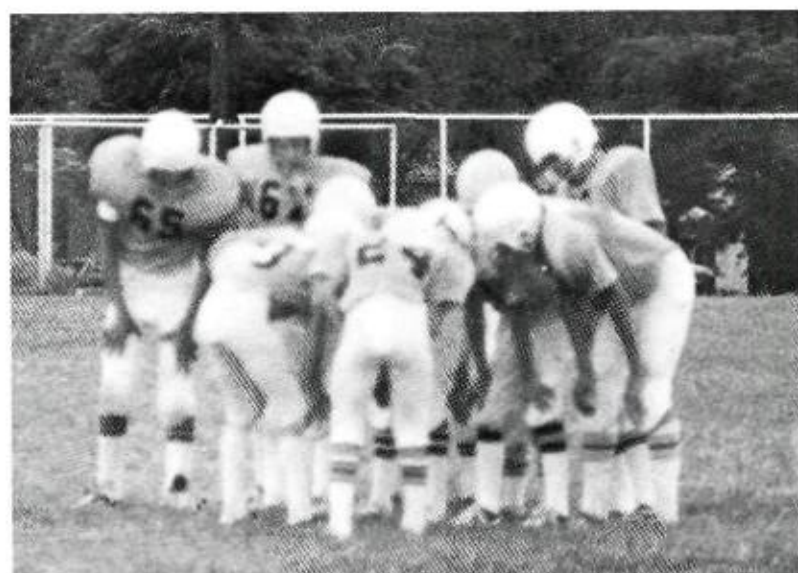
Coaches Walck and Mekush are surrounded by team after another victory before hometown fans.



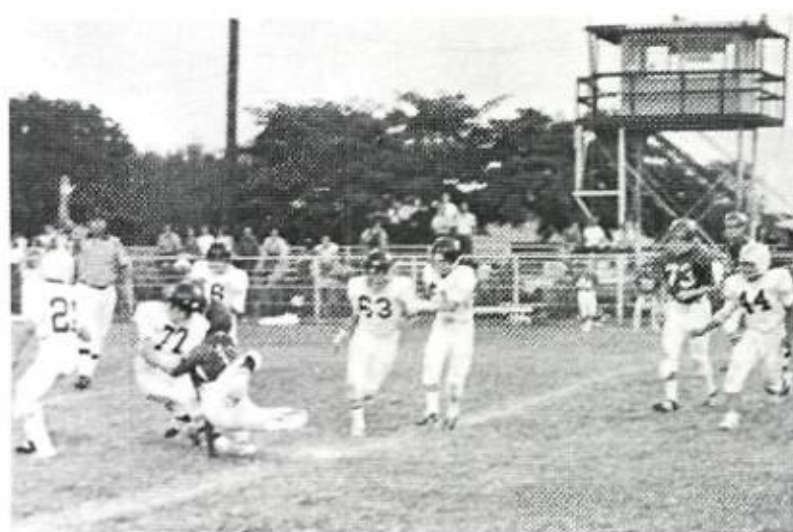
"Should we run or pass?" seems to be puzzle facing 7th's coaches.



Three "eager beavers" rest on sideline, ready for action.



LEFT, Tecumseh's got the ball and knows what to do with it--head for pay dirt and another TD! Note interference by Savage blocks as they clear way for 7th's running back. ABOVE, it's huddle up time! The ball's on the 20-yard line of the opponent--so...let's try the ol' reverse play!



Speaking of defense, Barry Switzer might like to have a few like these 7th graders tackling lone Stroud running back who's trapped for 5-yard loss. RIGHT, it's "five yards and a cloud of dust" as west goal line edges closer for a TD.



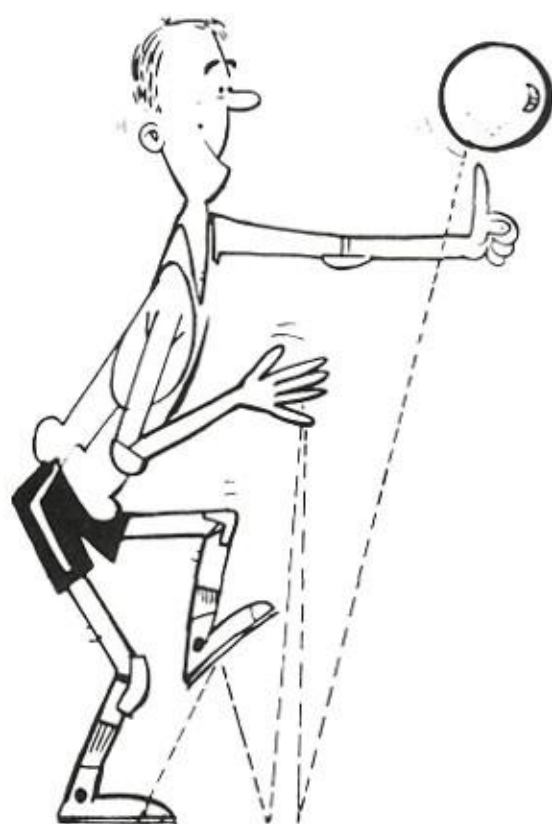
And we did make that TD against Holdenville's Wolverines!

TWO PLAYS COST 7TH TWO BIG GAMES

Coach Bruce Walck: "I was disappointed because we had a losing season, but the win-loss record doesn't reflect how hard the young players worked during the season. Stroud and Wewoka we outplayed--but just one big play for them cost us a victory. Most exciting moment? "When we beat Seminole in a thrilling triple overtime. Next year we'll improve!"



BOYS JR. HIGH BASKETBALL



FRESHMAN BOYS. LEFT TO RIGHT, Todd Tate, Jeff Chaill, Jay Sigman, Clark Gallaher, Steve Henderson, Grant Gower, Rick Dossey, Ricky Sehon, Neal Motley, Bill Haddox, Rick Lyle, Kenneth Cooper, Ronnie Taylor, and FRONT CENTER, Coach Bob Avery.



Neal Motley tries for two points as teammate Grant Gower stands by to help under the basket in a home game versus Maud. RIGHT, A Maud Tiger gets off a shot, but Jay Sigman, Grant Gower and Bill Haddox, in light jerseys, get ready in case of a miss.



Tecumseh's Steve Henderson, Bill Haddox and Ron Taylor close in for a rebound against opponent.





8TH GRADE

"I was very pleased with the play of the 8th grade team," said Coach Bruce Walck.

"The highlight of the year was winning the Pott County Tournament by beating Macomb, which had beaten us earlier."

The mighty 8th grade team won 12 and lost three for the season. The team had an abundance of talent.

8TH GRADE BOYS. KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Randy Wallace, Rodney Beaver, Jody Black, Jeff Potter, Tony Hulin, Wayne Haddox, Mitch McLin. STANDING, Jeff Sigman, Steve Neivar, Greg Love, Tracy Melot, Buddy Rogers, Mike Pritchard, Tony Tomlinson, Coach Bruce Walck.

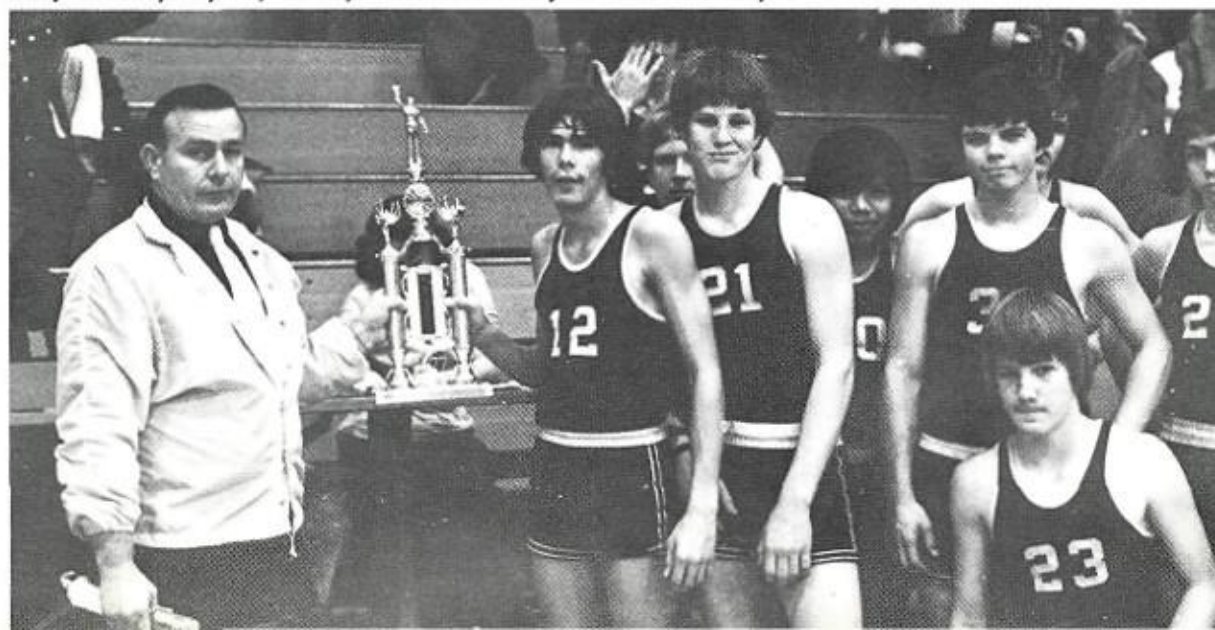


Fortunes of the 7th grade team were not so good this year. They had a 1-7 record.

But several games were lost by just a few points, and the outcome could have gone either way, said Coach Bruce Walck. The highlight of the year was beating Bethel in the last game of the season.



Leading the spirit for a small band of pep clubbers are the always loyal 8th grade cheerleaders. BELOW, THS girls' coach Charles Dudley presents second-place trophy to Tecumseh's freshman Savages in the Tecumseh Junior High School Invitational Basketball Tournament in January. Accepting the trophy are Bill Haddox, Rick Dossey, Ricky Little Ax, Steve Henderson, Ricky Lyle, and, KNEELING, Neal Motley.



JR. HIGH SPIRIT SPARKLES IN '77



A team of Junior High cheerleaders turn it on during a gaint pep rally in the old gymnasium prior to game with Holdenville. Below, six members of the Freshman Spirit Brigade pose for cameraman.

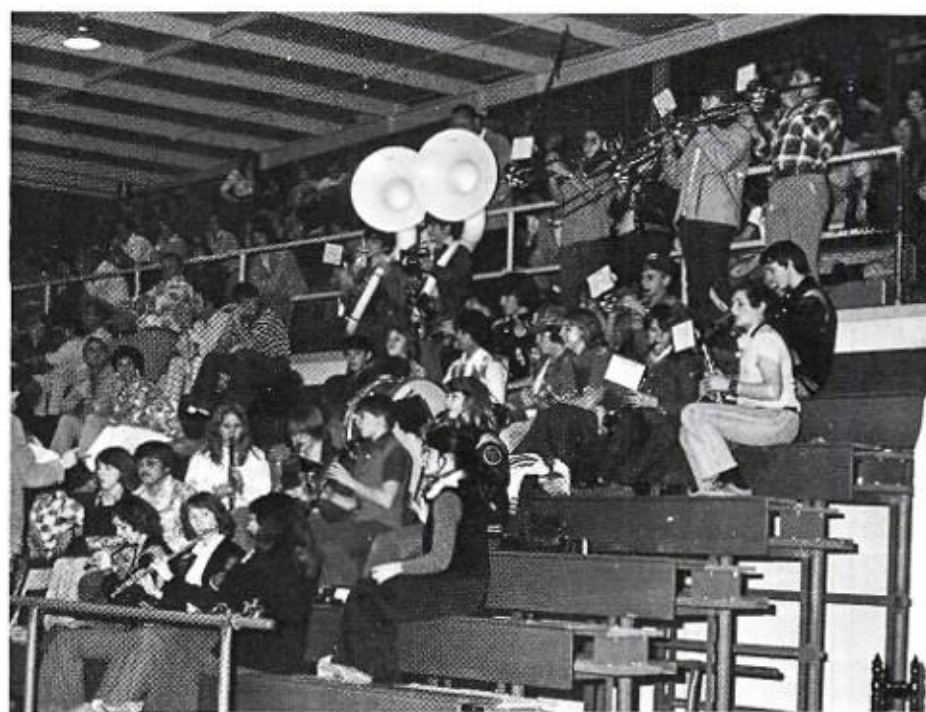
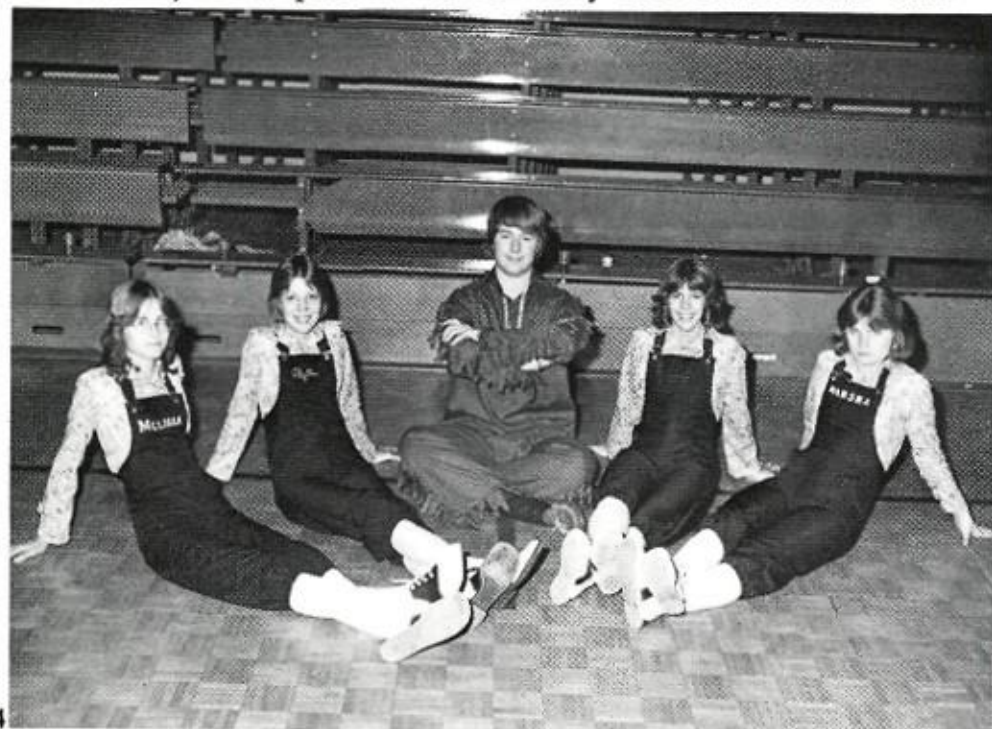
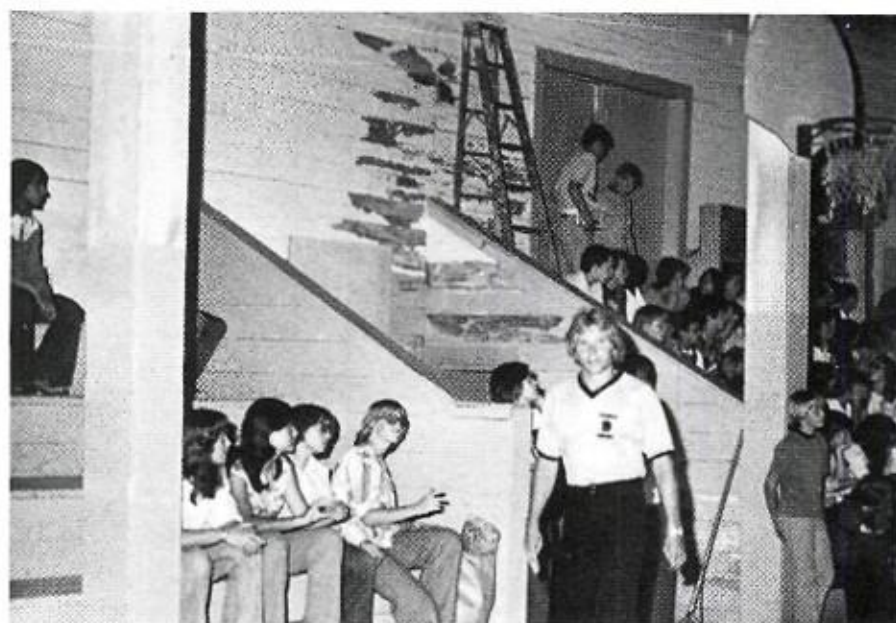


SWIS-S-SH!

ABOVE, pep spirit helps account for field goals like this one. BELOW, Coach Bruce Walck gets ready for speech.



BELOW, Freshmen Pep Club Officers. LEFT TO RIGHT, Melissa Geyer, secretary; Phyliss Trice, treasurer, Jay Cranford, mascot; Leslie Magdalena, President, and Marsha Townsend, Vice-president. RIGHT, THS band wows 'em!



GIRLS JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

FRESHMEN

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Shelli Harmon, Tracy Bussey, Suzi Jeffcoat, Teresa Brady, Cindy Kirk. STANDING: Mary Wisdom, Sandra Shackelford, Phylis Trice, Tracy King, Darla Lane, Cindy Stewart, Laquita Brookshire, Marsha Townsend, Leslie Magdalena, Coach Charles Dudley.



8TH GRADE

LEFT TO RIGHT, Rhonda Fare, Robin Stricklen, Susan Ely, Paula Chamblin, Patti Martin, Janet Walker, Beverly Stith, Donna Craig, Danna Davis, Pam Vickery, Linda Ryan, Kathy Carderara, Terri Austin, and Coach Sue Yates. Not pictured, Toni McCleskey and Kim Pruitt.

7TH GRADE

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Tammy Barnes, Franny McMahan, Brenda Young, Patti McGirt, Shirley Bennett, Karen Reeves, Michelle Sweaney, Mary Jane Seawright, Tammy Parsons, Melissa Fowler, Lisa Kingsbury. STANDING, assistants Rosie Carderara and Paula Jackson, Kelly Clemens, Susie Colon, Holly Cole, Lori O'Dell, Pam Cooper, Rae Lynn Anderson, Kim Swearingen, Shayla Johnson, Su Lynne LaValley, Bobbie Botkin, Tamara Childers, Coach Sue Yates and assistant Marilyn Sellers.





Mary Wisdom and Phylliss Trice, in dark suits, do a "ballet" in effort to get ball, which drops back of Mary.



Coach Dudley spends long hours in early days of the season...practicing, practicing of the basics. Leslie Magdalena, Mary Wisdom, Laquita Brookshire, Phylliss Trice and Cindy Kirk are pictured.



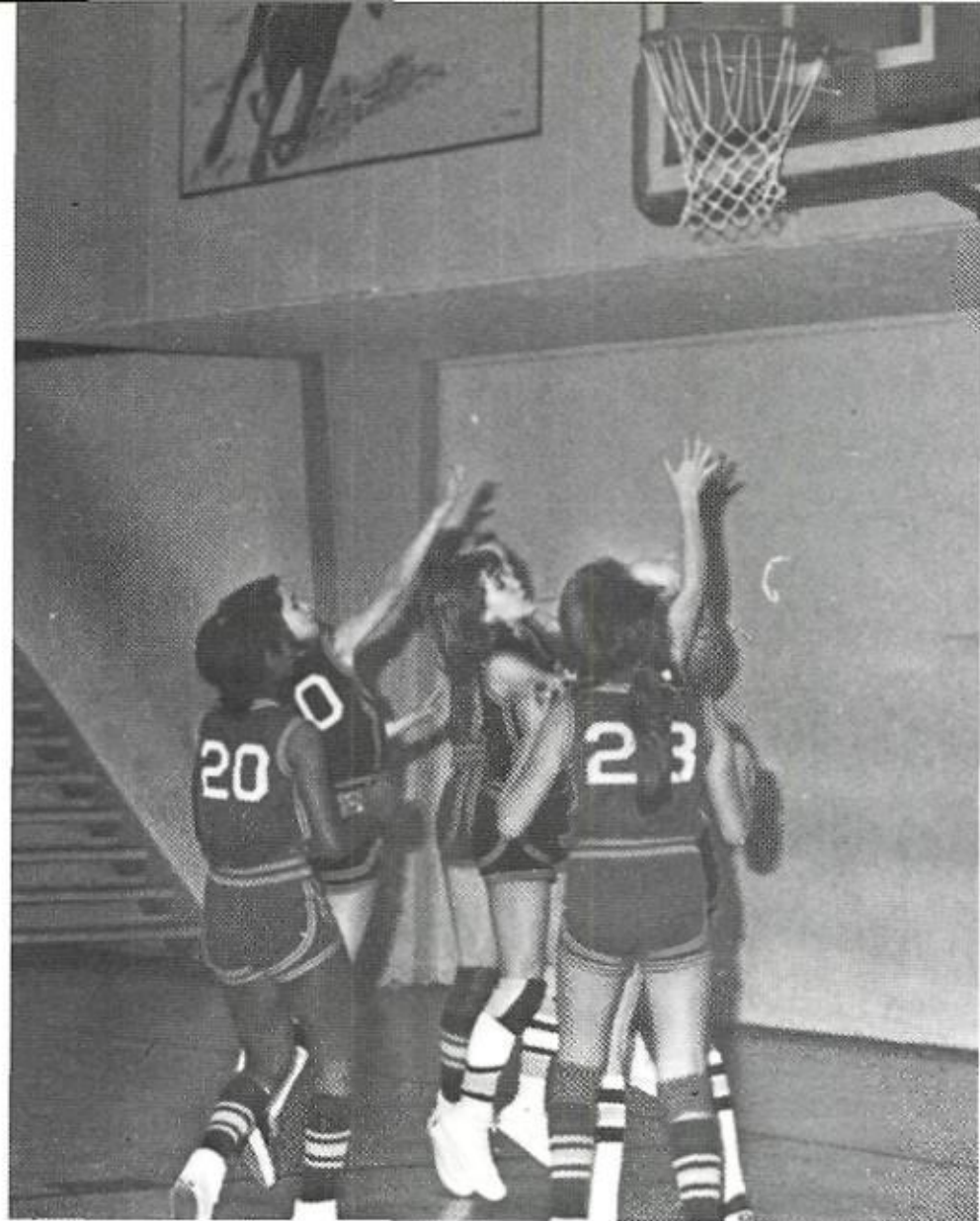
Under new coach, Charles Dudley, the freshman Savagettes took the battle to all opponents this year. Experience gained will benefit the varsity team next year.



Laquita Brookshire jumps high in field goal attempt, as Shelli Harmon races in for rebound in case of a miss.



There's a big scramble under the basket for the ole basketball and the Savagettes are right in the thick of the fight to retrieve it



Well, it looks like Teresa Brady and Mary Wisdom have pigeon-holed an opponent trying to get off a shot. Look carefully and you can see the ball on right side.



Coach Sue Yates of 7th and 8th Grade girls teams strolls across court in practice session as three team members listen to directions. BELOW, an unidentified Savagette has control of the ball, much to dismay of rival player.



LEFT, manning basketball admission desk are Mrs. Price and Mrs. Gilbride. BELOW, 14 members of Freshman basketball squad ham it up for yearbook photographer.



JR. HIGH WRESTLING



JR. HIGH WRESTLERS 1977. ROW 1, LEFT TO RIGHT, Steve Letson, Ronald Gilbert, Clayton Hollingshead, Jim Wright, Ross Fisher, Mitch Ealey. ROW 2, Matthew Nix, David Qualls, Jon Murray, David Tomlinson, Jim Fisher, Robert White.

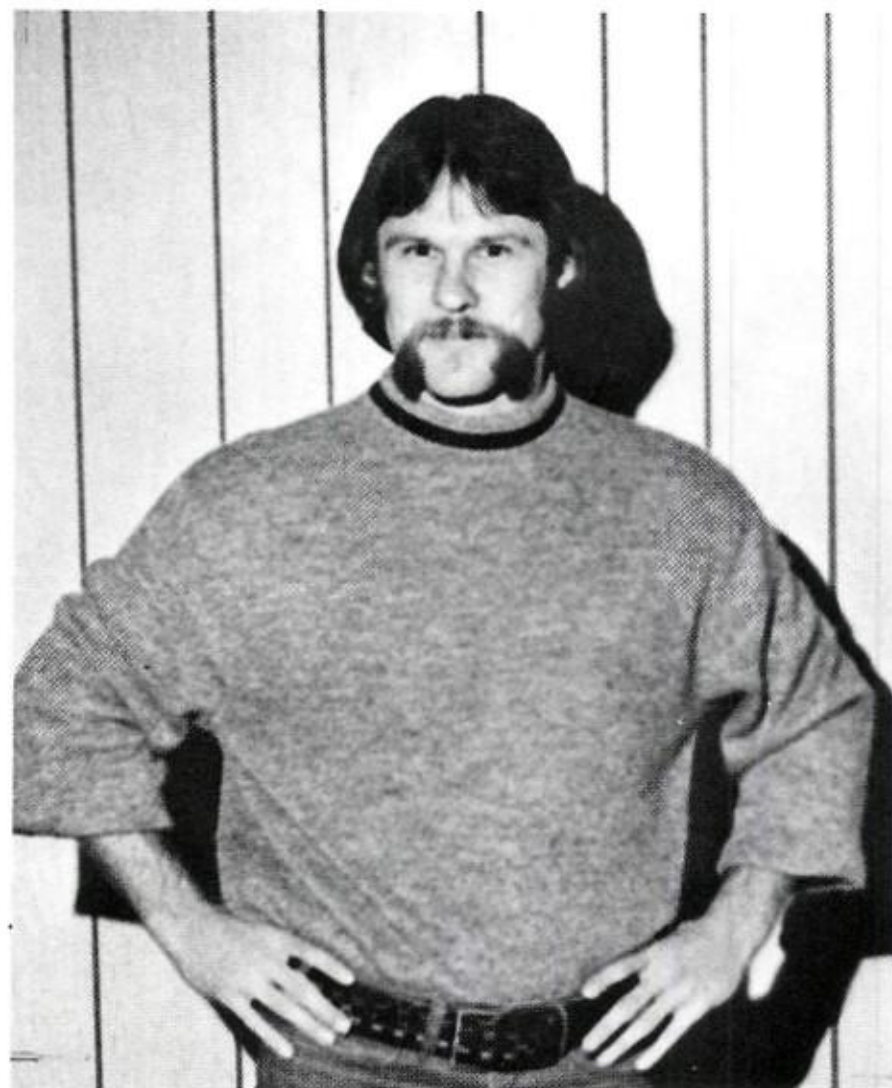
GRAPPLERS SHOW POISE AND DETERMINATION

Junior High wrestling had an exciting year. "The season this year went real good," said Coach Ed Mekush. "Robert White and Jon Murray led the way with the most wins. Robert White, with only two losses, was outstanding.

"We are going to try and win the conference tournament next year. Jon Murray won first place this year at the tournament in the 157-pound division. Our goal next year: win all "A" and "B" matches," the coach continued.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was when we wrestled Shawnee Junior High. Although we lost 35-22, we got some extremely good experience for next year.

Taking Shawnee's place next year will be Bristow Junior High. We're looking toward it!

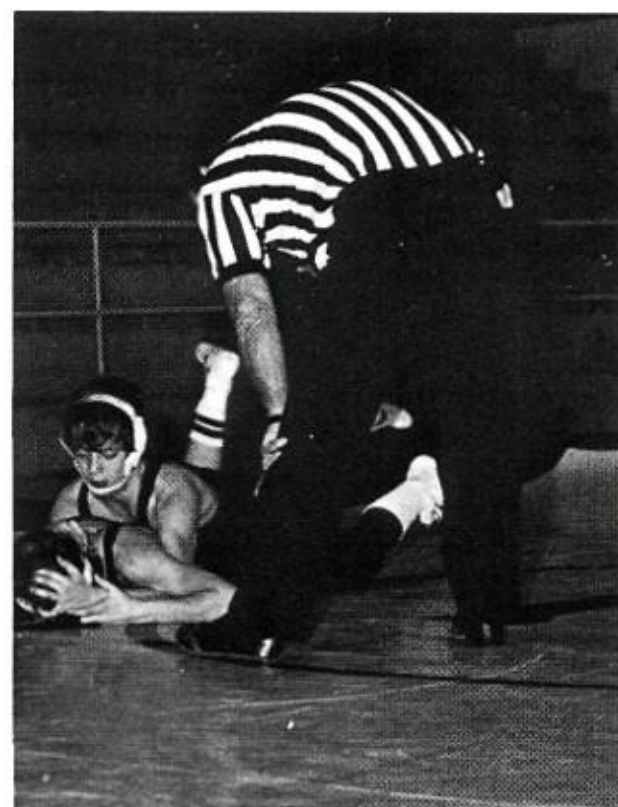


ED MEKUSH
Jr. High Wrestling Coach

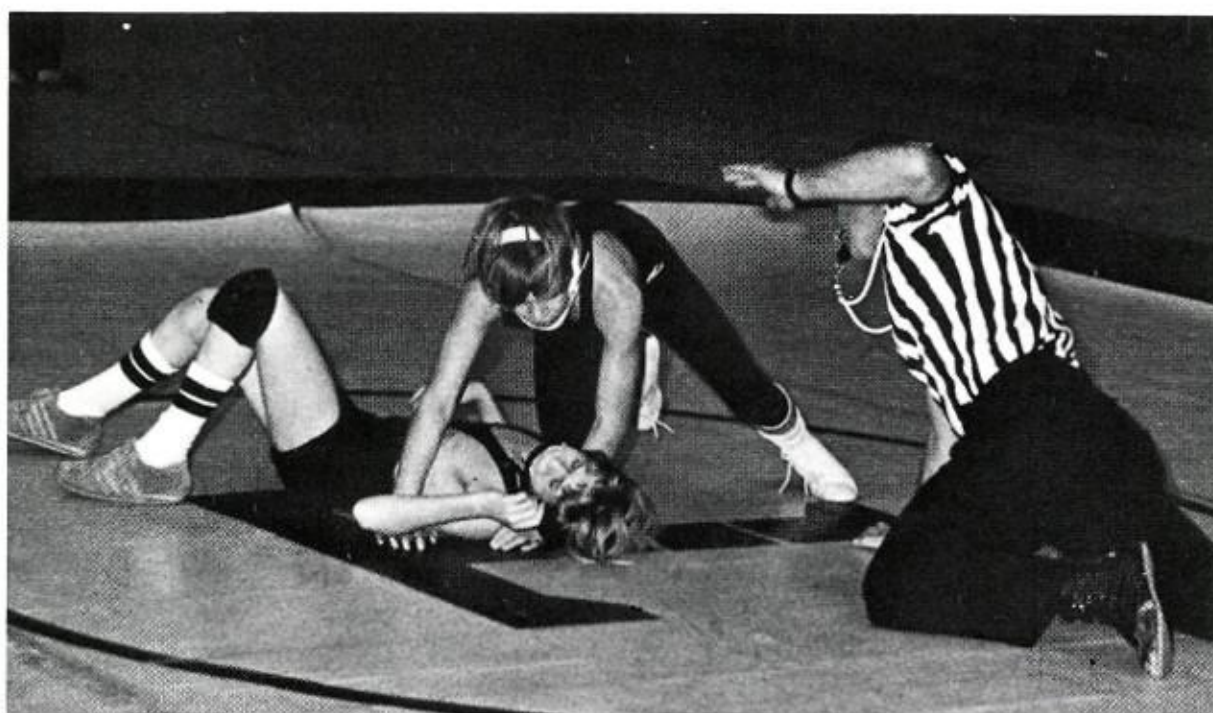
'YOU DID GREAT, GUY!'



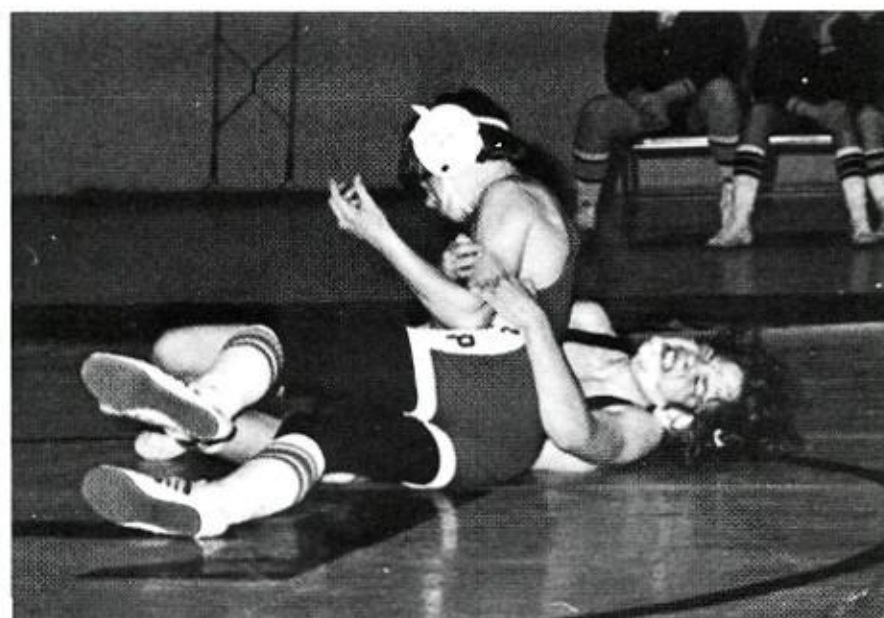
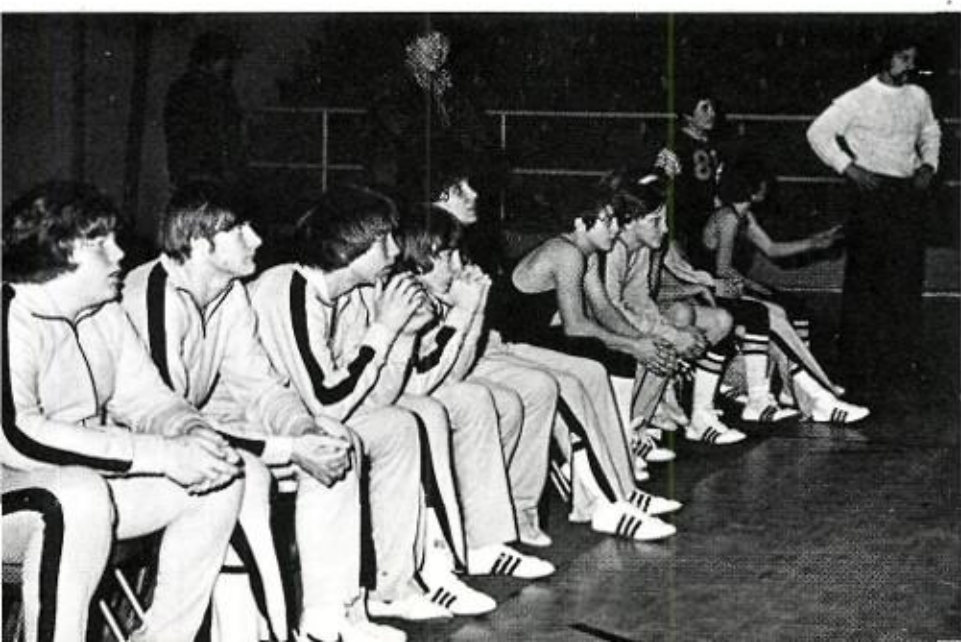
Gerald Brown accepts congratulations of teammates after a pin.



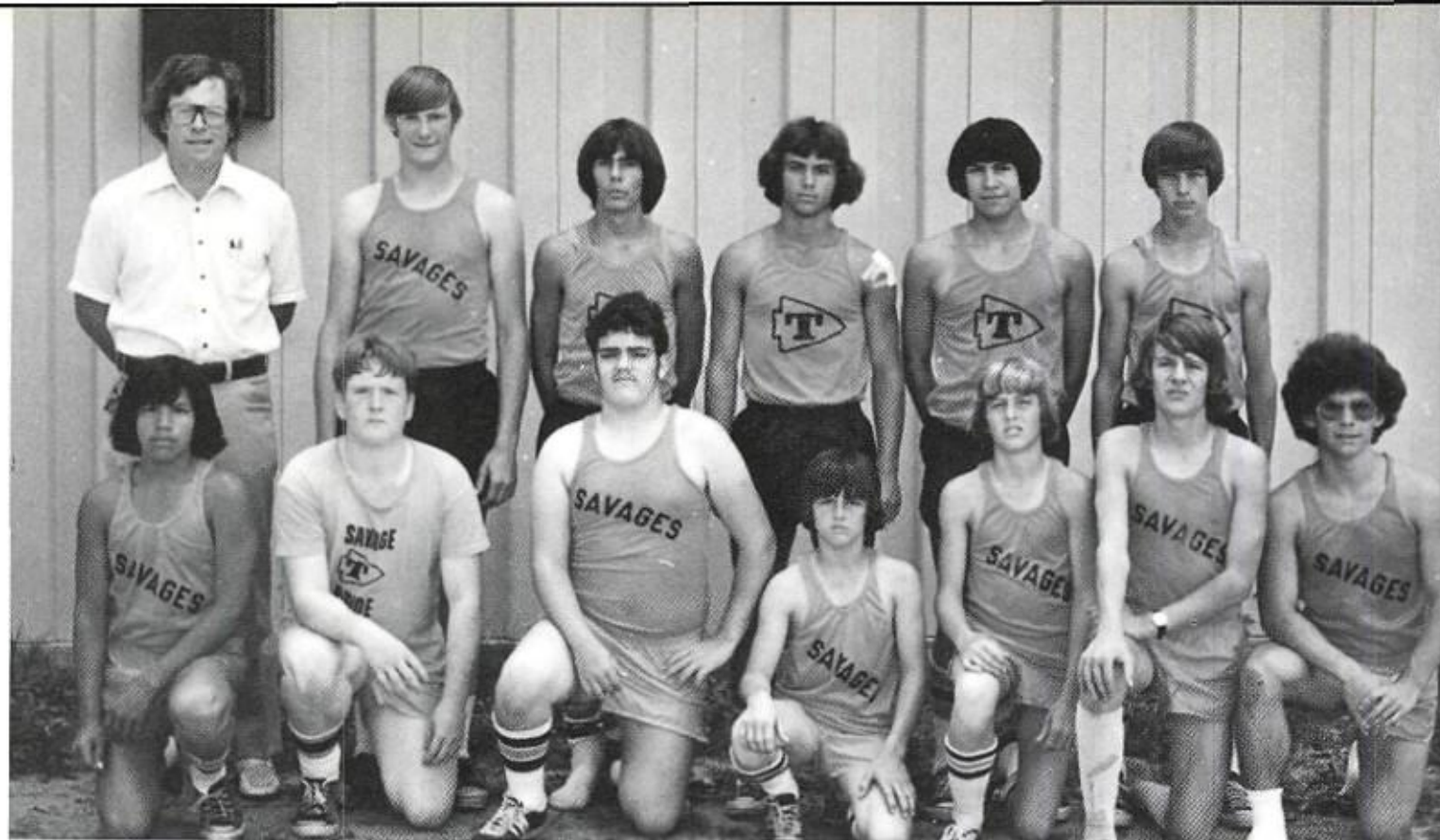
Ronald Gilbert dishes out rough stuff to his opponent, while
BELOW Clayton Hollingshead has hapless rival in pinned position.



Heavyweight Jon Murray of the Savages is declared victor, LEFT, while
LOWER LEFT photo shows Savage wrestling bench keeping anxious eye on
the match - and clock. BELOW, Junior High's Neal Roberson is on BOT-
TOM fighting a reverse by a determined opponent.

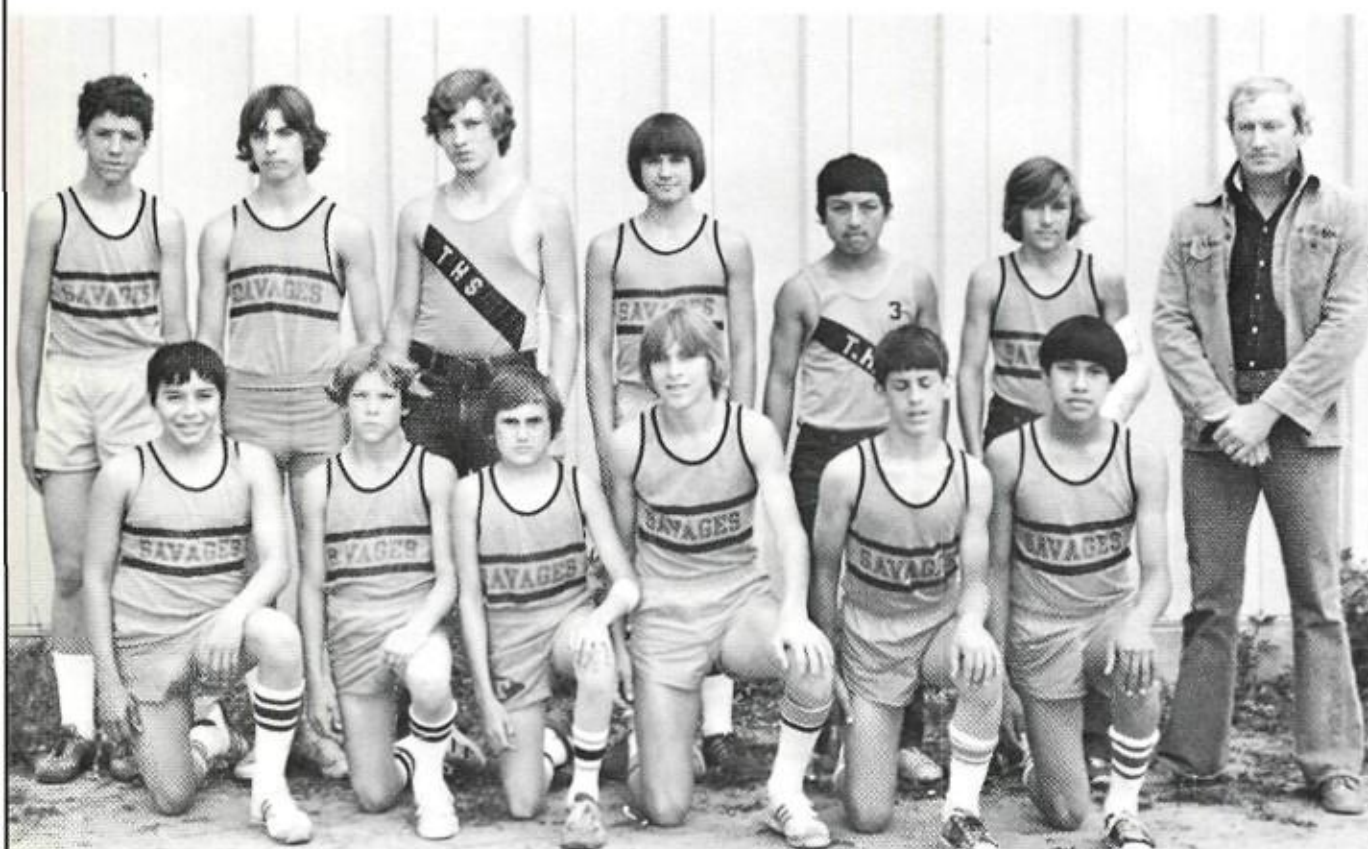


JR. HIGH BOYS TRACK



FRESHMEN

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Ricky Little Axe, Kenneth Cooper, Bobby McLaughlin, Mitch Ealey, Jimmy Wright, Joe Moody, Ronnie Taylor. STANDING, Coach Paul Sternberger, Jon Murray, Bill Had-dox, Jay Sigman, Clark Gallaher, Todd Tate.



JR. HIGH BOYS SPEEDY RUNNERS

Springtime meant tracktime at THS. The young Savage thin-clads participated in numerous track meets, winning their share of medals and ribbons.

Track is a good sport to keep you in shape for other sports--especially basketball and football--and we thoroughly enjoyed running, leaping and jumping.

Coaches Paul Sternberger, Mike Combs and Bruce Walck worked us out under tough conditions.

We hope to win a lot more meets in '78.

8TH GRADE

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Doug McGirt, Jody Black, Billy Amerson, Buddy Rogers, Tony Hulin, Jim Fire. STANDING, Mitch McLin, Greg Love, Steve Nievar, Mike Pritchard, Rodney Beaver, Randy Wallace, Coach Mike Combs.

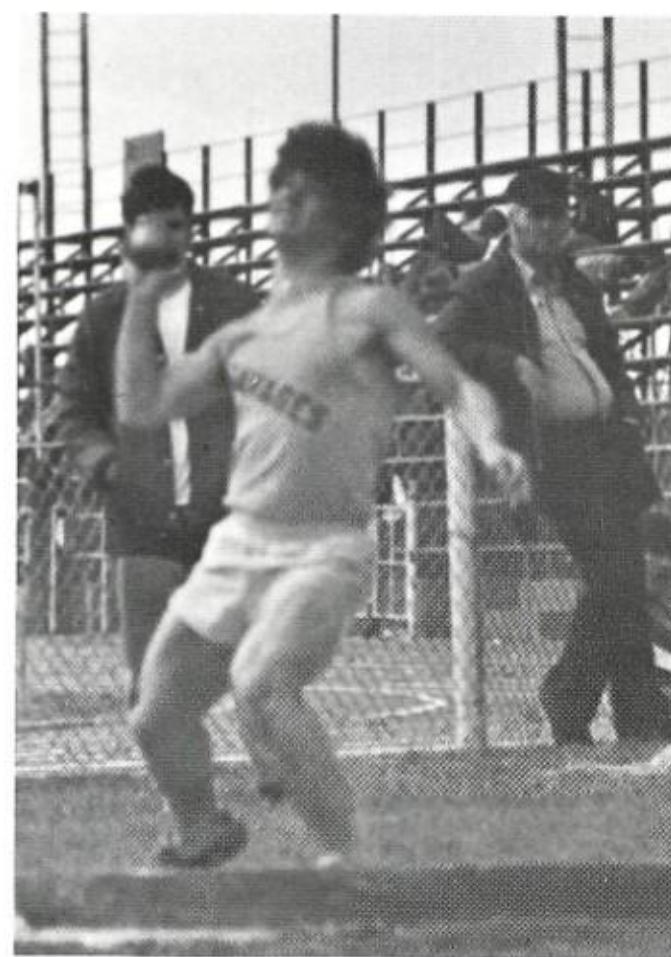
7TH GRADE

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Bobby Darby, Ross Fisher, Larry Earls, Jesse Payne, Jerry Reeves, Doug McSperritt, Darren Hamilton, STANDING, Kurt Cox, Kenneth Martin, Rafael Gentry, Bobby Young, Doug West, Steve Dudley, Mike Tate, Tommy Cummings, Coach Bruce Walck.

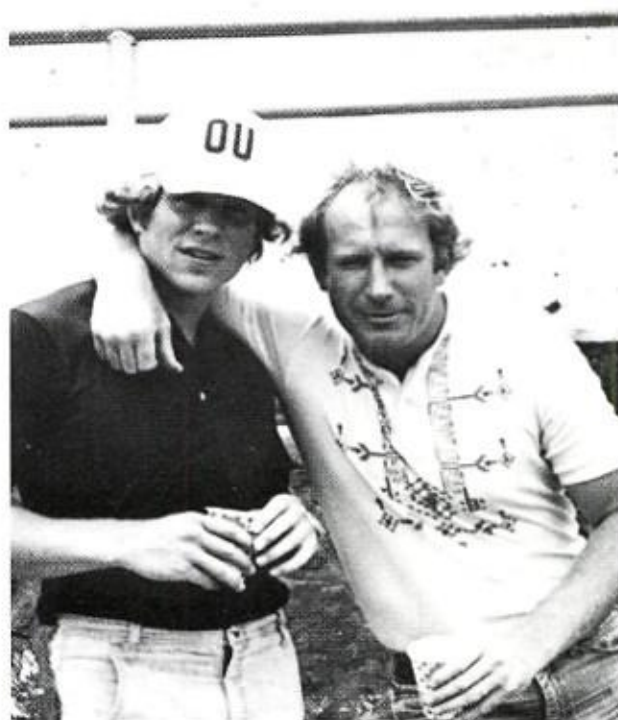




Brad Love, LEFT, a 6th Grader, runs for 7th Grade of Tecumseh during 100-yard dash race.



Freshman Ronnie Taylor gives the old heave-ho in shotput try.



ABOVE, Coaches Bruce Walck and Mike Combs take time-out from a track meet, while BELOW 8th Grader Jody Black blasts off in a 440-yard relay race.



Waiting their turn at the shotput at Pauls Valley Track Meet are junior Ricky Starks, junior highers Kenneth Cooper, Ronnie Taylor, Bobby McLaughlin and bending over with familiar hat ON RIGHT, the varsity's Ricky Gilbert. BELOW, taking it easy at Holdenville Track Meet are Tina Clark, Tony Hulin, Jim Fire, Randy Wallace and Dana Combs, a 6th Grader running for the 7th Grade team.



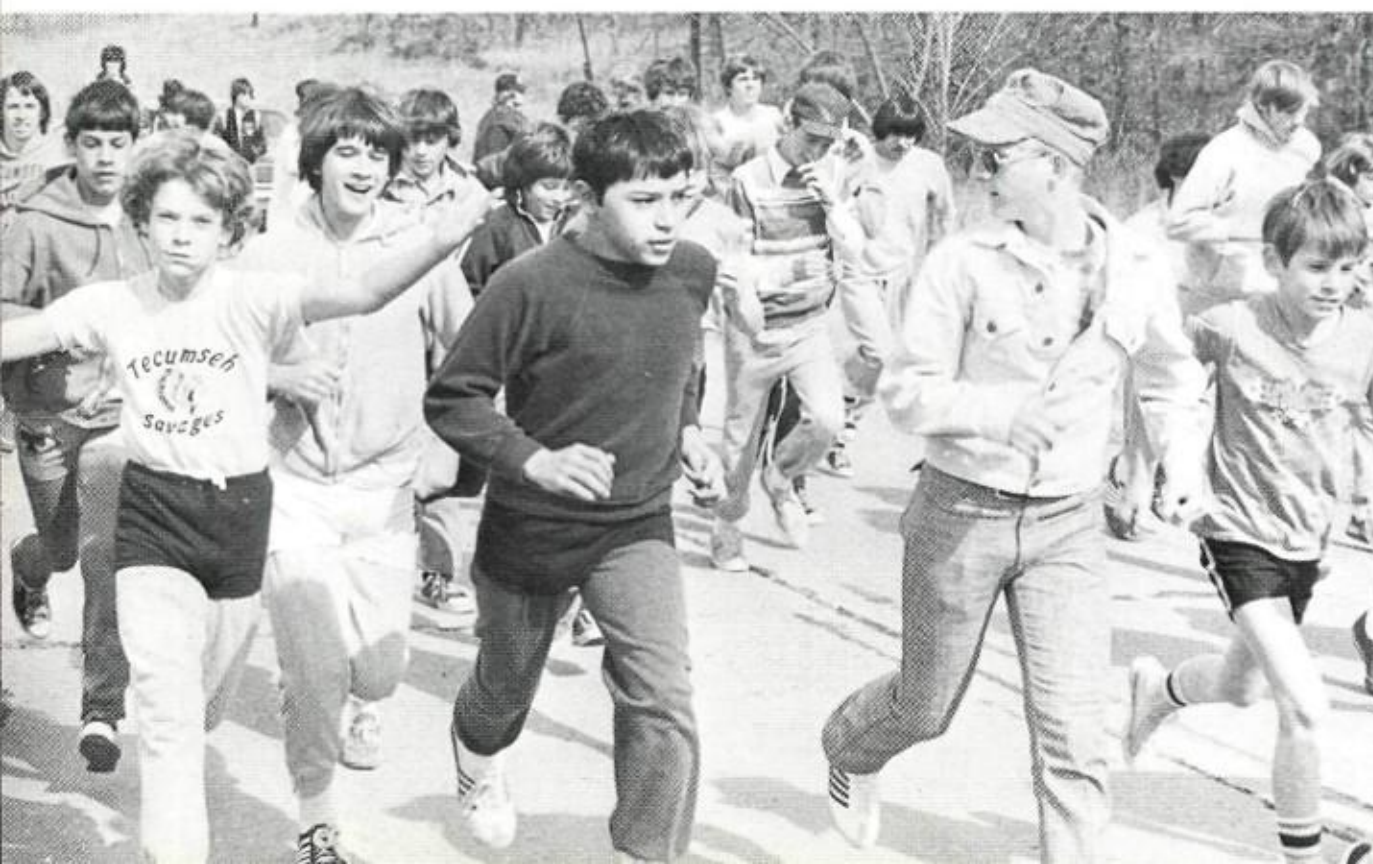
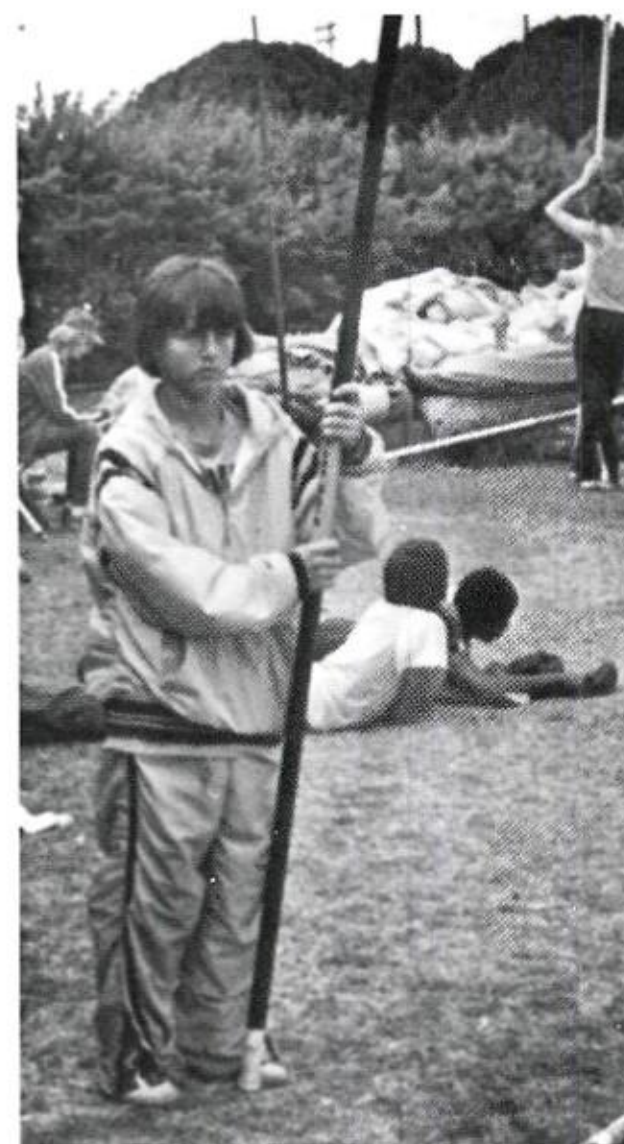


Mike Pritchard, SECOND FROM LEFT, gets smooth hand-off from Greg Love in 440-yard relay race at Holdenville as Savage runners win for THS again.



Jody Black and Mike Pritchard take well-deserved rest between track events at Holdenville Invitational Track Meet.

Mitch Ealey awaits his turn to pole vault at Pauls Valley.



LEFT, dozens of junior high boys entered the marathon race down old Highway 18 and ending at the South Canadian Bridge near Asher. Wonder how many finished?

JR. HIGH GIRLS TRACK

FRESHMEN



LEFT TO RIGHT, Susie Jeffcoat, Mary Wisdom, Tracy King, Darla Lane, Phyllis Trice, Roxanne Morris, Dorris Reed, Shelli Harmon.

8TH GRADE



KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Terri Austin Tracy Fruit, Tina Clark, Pam Vickery, Kelly McCloud. STANDING, Janet Walker, Paula Chamblin, Patti Martin, Kathy Carderara, Susan Ely, Rhonda Fare, Coach Sue Yates.

7TH GRADE

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Kristi Young, Diane Lynne, Bobbie Botkins, Lisa Kingsbury, Karen Crow, Patti McGirt, Melissa Fowler, Tammy Parsons, Shayla Johnson, Franny McMahan, Shirley Bennett. STANDING, Pam Cooper, Tamara Childers, Tracy Johnson, Kelly Clemens, Susie Colon, Lori O'Dell, Sonya Morris, Tammy Simon, Kim Swearingen, Tammy Barnes, Rae Lynn Anderson, Coach Sue Yates.



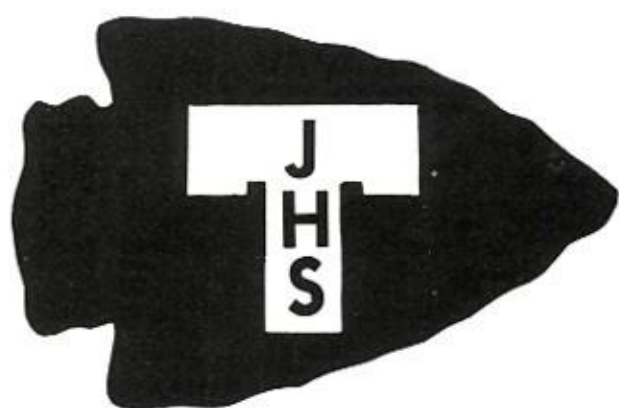
SAVAGETTES WIN MEDALS, RIBBONS

Although thin in ranks, Coach Charles Dudley felt his girl thinclads did "quite well" this year. Each freshman girl was a real competitor and will be heard from next year, he feels.

Coach Sue Yate's 7th and 8th Grade tracksters were heard from indeed! The 8th Grade girls won 35 ribbons and eight medals. In the 5-Star Conference, Tecumseh's 8th Grade girls won the 2nd place trophy. Coach Yates felt the 7th Graders learned a lot of fundamentals. They ran in the 5-Star Conference against freshmen--and won 2nd place team trophy! Kristi Young and Bobbie Botkins were standouts.



Tecumseh teachers and students march in Special Olympics parade at Central State University. Dana Asher, LEFT in striped shirt and Janette Moore, RIGHT FRONT, won medals.



*'The Thunder--
Of Their Feet
Was Heard
Everywhere'*

In the pack is Dorris Reed, THIRD FROM THE LEFT. Come on, Dorris! Win for TJHS!



Girls roam hillside following flat tire on bus. Time for a picnic? BELOW RIGHT, Darla Lane in perfect stride.



Two Lady Savages limber up before starting a race. Team was well coached and will be better next year.



Dozens of Tecumseh Junior High students ran in the marathon race on old Highway 18 in April.





Four of eight pretty Savagettes give thumbs up for more Savage victories at a track meet

SAVAGETTES' 3RD YEAR OF TRACK REWARDING



Tecumseh's fleet lady runners were in the thick of every race this year -- giving their all. BELOW, arrival time at a track meet looks like this. Everyone is casual until the gun goes off.



BELOW, Tracey King gets a good high jump. Several male admirers seem to concur.



Susan Ely displays smooth movement over low hurdles as one of her opponents lags way behind her.



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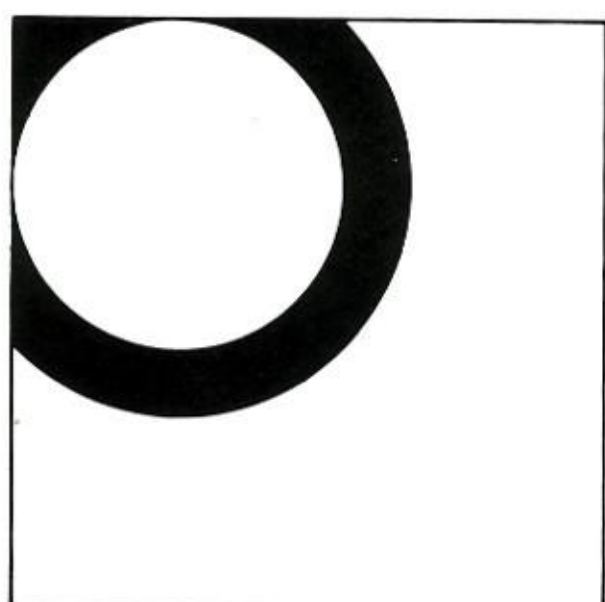
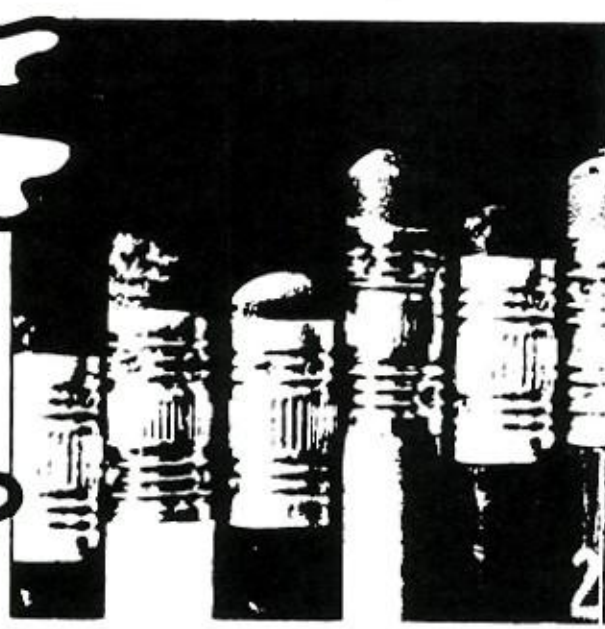
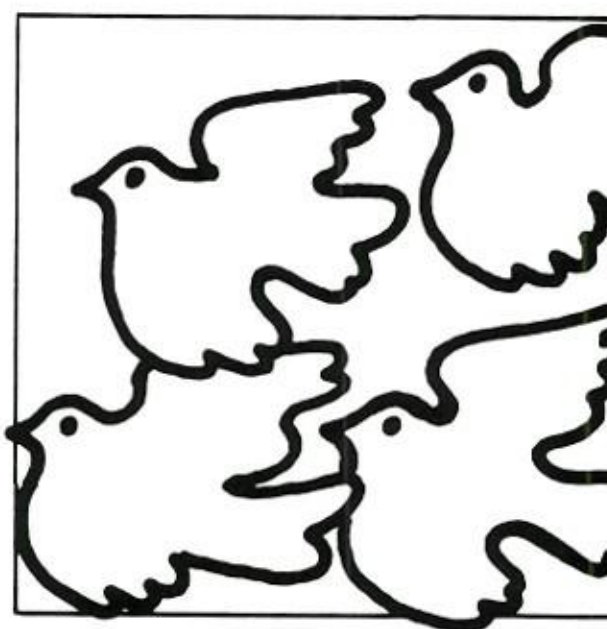
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-- Frank Talley, Yearbook Adviser

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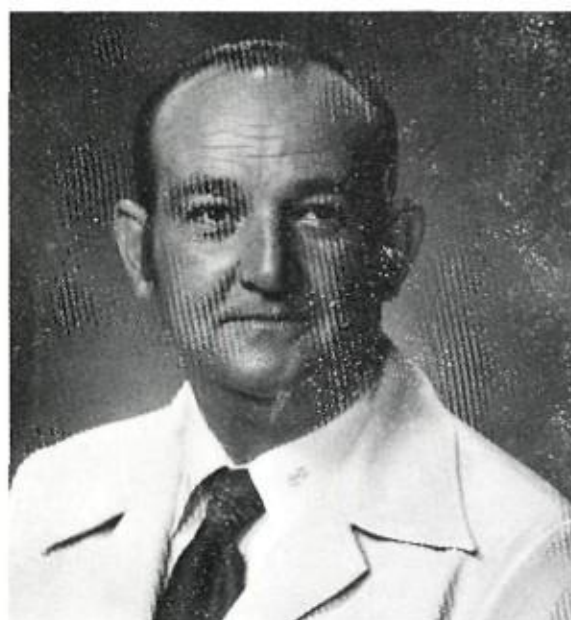
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